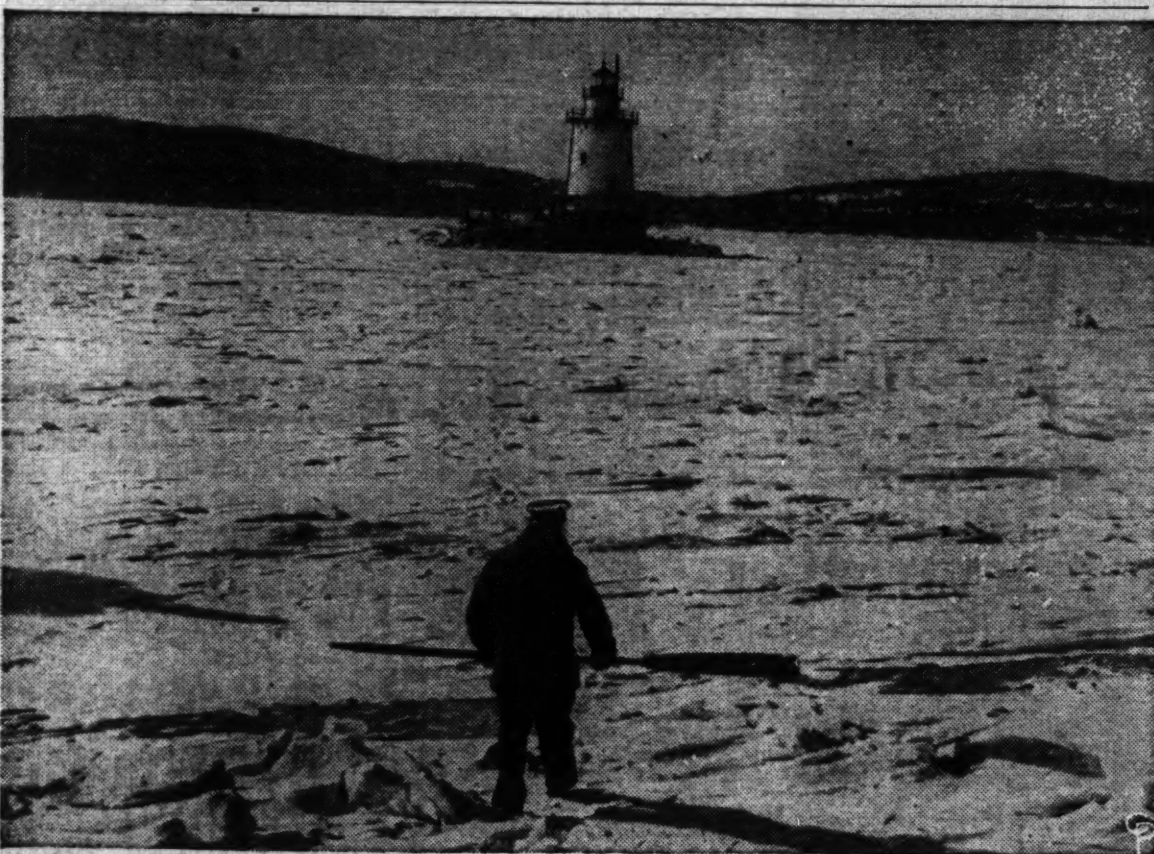


# UNIONISTS FLAY DEPORTATIONS



**ICY PATH TO LIGHTHOUSE:** Laurent LeClere warily treads Hudson River, carrying an oar for safety, lest the ice give way beneath him, as he returns to tend lighthouse near Tarrytown, N. Y.

## Report to Parley On Labor Victims

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The new wave of deportations conducted by the U. S. Department of Justice is a grave threat to the trade union movement, speakers today told the legislative conference of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. A total of 21 non-citizens in 14 states face deportation on charges of political opinion and membership in the Communist Party, Abner Green, executive secretary of the committee informed the 125 delegates from 100 organizations gathered here.

Latest additions to the list were Alexander Bittelman, secretary of the Morning Freiheit Association, and Claudia Jones, secretary of the Women's Commission of the Communist Party.

Russell Nixon, Washington representative of the CIO United Electrical Workers, in denouncing the deportation drive, said that "bigotry has become the official policy of the U. S. government."

"We have had bigotry for years. But now it comes not only from reactionary Southern Congressmen or from little imitators of Hitler, it is the program of the President, the Cabinet, the Department of Justice and the government as a whole."

"Not all non-citizens have a tough time in our country," he said, citing the cases of Kravchenko, Valtin, and other professional Soviet haters who have been helped to citizenship by special Congressional action. "The basic issue it can thus be seen is one of political oppression. The deportation drive is basically anti-labor."

Nixon pointed out that the 21 victims included Charles A. Doyle of the CIO Gas, Coke, and Chemical Workers; John Santo of the CIO Transport Workers Union; Michael Obermeier of Local 6, AFL Hotel and Club Employees; Ramon Martinez, of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, as well as others active in the labor movement.

"They are striking at what they regard as the most vulnerable section of the progressive movement," said Nixon, "but the rights and living conditions of all are at stake."

Paul Palazzi, New York Port Agent of the National Maritime Union, said that seamen realize that "when they start picking on people like Bittelman and Claudia Jones they are aiming at our pork chops." The objective of the deportation drive is to intimidate non-citizens and weaken the labor movement, he said.

"It may be forgotten," Palazzi said, "but the first casualty of the Sacco-Vanzetti case was the wrecking of the union of Italian and Polish workers in a meat packing plant just outside of Boston. I was a child but my father and uncle were Italian-Americans and worked in that packing house. Vanzetti was helping them organize the plant and I remember he used to come to my home. With

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## 2400 in Brooklyn Area Face Shutdown of Gas

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## FRANCE CUTS FRANC, DESPITE BRITISH PLEA

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## Consolidated Edison Seeks New Boost in Gas Rates

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# City Council Gets Zion Arms Ban Plea

A demand that the U. S. government immediately lift the embargo on arms and munitions to the Jewish Agency to put down the Arab rebellion against the United Nations decision for partition of Palestine will be placed before the City Council today. Councilman Eugene P. Connolly, Manhattan Laborite, announced he would make the demand in a resolution charging both U. S. and British governments with "aiding and abetting" opponents of the partition plan.

The resolution asks Congress to condemn the Arab defiance of the UN decision as "threatening the peace of the world." It denounces the British government for its "unconscionable assistance to the murderous Arab marauders and proposes the UN form 'its own army to be dispatched to Palestine to keep order and preserve the peace.'"

Connolly further charges the British government continues to supply arms to the Arab troops, led by the former "notorious Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, war-time pal of Hitler, graciously permitted to escape trial as a war criminal."

Another protest, meanwhile, came from another quarter. Dr. Israel Goldstein, acting chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, told President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall that U. S. "punitive measures" of withdrawing passports from American Jewish

## Bittelman to Address Rally on Palestine

Alexander Bittelman, secretary of the Morning Freiheit Association, will be the principal speaker at a Manhattan Center rally Sunday, 2 p. m., to protest U. S. and British government action in sabotaging the Jewish State in Palestine. Bittelman, veteran leader of the American Communist movement, is free on \$5,000 bail facing deportation proceedings brought by Attorney General Tom Clark.

volunteers in Palestine are "contrary" to the best American traditions.

"As recently as in 1939-40 numbers of American citizens, with moral encouragement of the American people, volunteered to serve in defense of England and France against the Axis attack at the time America was neutral," Dr. Goldstein wrote in identical telegrams to the President and Marshall. "Surely the same attitude ought to prevail in the present case of Palestine."



HAGANAH, the Jewish defense army, has been training high school students since partition was announced. A typical girl recruit, in semi-military dress is shown here.

# Zion Labor Leader Hits U S, British Aid to Mufti

By Olive Sutton

Former Nazi SS officers, Spanish Fascists, and Arab officers trained in Hitler Germany are leading the Arab armies attacking Palestine, Abda Chushi, Palestinian Labor leader yesterday told a Brooklyn Jewish youth rally. The meeting, called to protest the embargo on arms to Zion, was held in the Erasmus Hall High School Auditorium.

Chushi named the Arab Grand Mufti and the British as leaders in the organized drive against the UN partition decision.

He said British advisers and U. S. experts assisted the Mufti in his schemes.

## SAYS BRITISH CLAIMS FALSE

He declared that British claims that Arab attacks were repelled by them are false. "The British arrived three and four hours late. It is small forces of the Haganah which defend the villages and drive out of the attackers."

Chushi scored the State Department arms embargo comparing it with the policy of non-intervention used against the Spanish Republic.

Bright faces of youngsters too young to remember those days were numerous through the audience's 1,500 persons. They listened gravely when Chushi added:

"In 1936 and 1939, it happened in Spain. It may cost us thousands of lives, but it will not happen in Palestine. We have to fight because we cannot retreat. We have no place to retreat to."

## U. S. ARMED ARABS

The State Department, he added, furnished the Arabs with \$220,000,000 worth of arms at \$41,000,000 before the embargo was decreed.

Chushi is founder of the Palestine Labor League, composed of both Arab and Jewish trade unionists, and secretary of the Haifa Labor Council 1. Applause greeted his statement that:

"The masses of Arab workers, farmers and common people are not participating in the struggle against the Jewish people. It is important for you to know that the majority of the Arab population knows that we are their allies."

Chushi declared that we have

## To Hold Hearings on Explosives' Sale

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).

Chairman Ross Risley (R., Okla.), of a House subcommittee on surplus property disposal, said today that he will begin hearings Wednesday on the sale of surplus government explosives for shipment to Palestine.

the best trained army in the Middle East, but we need the tools—arms and munitions and planes—not resolutions to realize a free and democratic state in Palestine."

Jacob Snyder of Philadelphia, national president of the Young Zionists of America, presided at the rally. He conducted the Yizkor memorial service for Dov Seligman and Moshe Pearlstein, young Amer-

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**Palestine Commission Meets the Press:** Chairman Karel Lisicky, Czechoslovakia, of the UN Palestine Partition Commission tells the press the crucial question of using a UN army to enforce partition will be asked of the Security Council. Seated (l. to r.) Per Federspiel, Denmark; Raul Diaz de Medina, Bolivia; Dr. Lisicky; Vincente J. Francisco, Philippines, and Dr. Eduardo Morgan, Panama.

## Arab Legion Head Meets British

LONDON, Jan. 25 (UP).—A delegation of Trans-Jordan Government spokesmen arrived by plane today to discuss revision of the Anglo-Jordan treaty and the withdrawal of British troops from Palestine.

The group, which left Lydda Airport in Palestine Saturday, included Brig. J. B. Glubb, commander-in-chief of the Arab Legion. The Legion has been used in an undeclared war against the Jews of Palestine.

# Palestine War Flares After Three-Day Lull

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Jan. 25.—The Jewish Haganah blew up an abandoned Arab village—20 homes, a pumphouse and several sheds—today. There were no casualties. The partition war flared up at other

points after three days of comparative lull and official reports said four Jews were killed three seriously wounded and 10 missing after a pitched, noon-to-dusk battle with several hundred Arabs in the Seven Sisters Hills, eight miles west of Jerusalem.

Unofficial sources said about 20 Jews were killed or wounded. The Arabs claimed they had lost two dead and four wounded. Haganah said at least 40 Arabs were killed or wounded.

A battle was reported developing in the north, in the vicinity of Rosh Pinna village. Haganah rushed reinforcements to the village between Safad and the Syrian frontier.

The village the Jews blew up was Abu Suweleh, south of Rehovot township. Twelve Haganah men were killed near it about two weeks ago when Arabs attacked their convoy.

Reports said the battle in the Seven Sister Hills started after of several hundred well-armed and disciplined Arabs under Abul Kader Hussein and Sheikh Hassan Salameh on their way to attack the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Anavim. m.

## Standard Oil Official Named In Arab Deal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).—

Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me) today offered Max W. Thornburg, former official in Standard Oil Co. of California, a chance to reply to his charge that Thornburg was "planted" in the State Department to influence the government's wartime policy on Arabian oil.

The Chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee filed the charge during yesterday's hearings into complaints that the government lost \$30,000,000 by agreeing to pay \$1.05-a-barrel for Arabian oil that previously had been offered for 40 cents a barrel.

The hearings have been recessed until Thursday when Brewster plans to call Rear Adm. Andrew Carter, retired, a wartime Navy supply officer, to explain why the Navy signed its \$1.05-a-barrel contract.

# France Cuts Franc in Half As Pleas by British Fail

PARIS, Jan. 25.—France cut the value of the franc for import-export transactions nearly in half tonight in a desperate bid for foreign trade and American dollars, despite British protests and refusal of the International Monetary Fund to sanction the plan.

Foreign customers of French exporters prepared for sharp cuts in the prices of wines, perfumes, lingerie and other items made in France.

Announcement of the drastic move was made at a press conference by French minister of finance Rene Mayer. At the same time, the French and British governments issued a joint communique reaffirming the "intimate" relations between the two countries, despite Britain's futile insistence that the

devaluation would cause the pound sterling to tumble from its present rate of \$4.03.

in Europe, and in France itself.

2—The cheaper franc makes it more difficult for outside powers to send goods into France.

The move was sharply criticized by the International Monetary Fund, of which France is a member, as a step "likely to encourage trade distortions." The Fund has announced it will cut off any further loans to France.

France's move gives the franc two values—one for domestic transactions and one for export-import trade. The "export-import franc" will be pegged at 214.4 to the dollar, as compared with the previous single rate of 119 per dollar—A reduction rate of 119 per dollar—a reduction

## COMING . . . COMING

In the Daily Worker and The Worker

## HOW MUCH FOR A SUBWAY RIDE?

New Yorkers Give the Answer in the Daily Worker Subway Poll.

More than 1,300 persons interviewed on Mayor O'Dwyer's Proposal to Scrap the 5c Fare.

Read what they say in the Daily Worker next Thursday and Friday, and in The Worker, Sunday, Feb. 1.



## Foster, Dennis Blast 'Registration' Plot

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, and Eugene Dennis, the Party's general secretary, yesterday called for a vigorous mass campaign against the plot of the House Un-American committee to outlaw the Party, which comes to a head at hearings in Washington, Feb. 5.

The Un-Americans plan to get legislation to "register" the Communist Party is "in fact and in ef-

fect" a plan to outlaw the Party, said Foster and Dennis.

The Un-American adopted the "registration" device when their original plan, to directly outlaw the Party, was met by popular indignation, said the Communist leaders. The registration plot will be pushed at by an Un-American subcommittee, headed by Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R-Cal), at the hearings, opening Feb. 5.

### ASK PROTESTS

The attempt to outlaw the Communist Party is part of the drive towards war and fascism, said Foster and Dennis.

The most vigorous protests must be conducted at once.

"Resolutions, telegrams and letters upholding the Communist Party's right to function without restraint as an American political party should be sent to Congressmen, Senators and to the Committee itself," the Party leader declared.

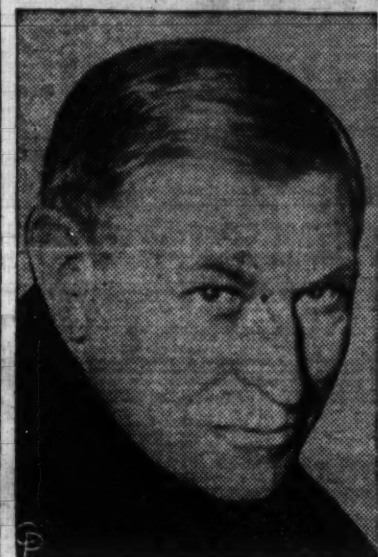
The campaign in support of the Sabbath Resolution (H. R. 4) to abolish the Un-American Committee, should be pushed with new vigor and effectiveness.

"The Communist Party is an American working-class party devoted to the welfare of the American people and to the true interests of our nation. It will endure as long as the American working class endures. No attacks, no intimidations can prevent it from fulfilling its obligation to the working people of America and to the cause of peace.

"The Communist Party calls on labor, on all who work for peace and progress, to preserve their democratic rights by fighting the registration plot."

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## Justice Roberts Nixes Un-Americans' Invite



ROBERTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. — Former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts has turned down a congressional invitation to air his views on anti-communist legislation.

It would not, he told the House Un-American Committee, be proper for a former member of the court to express an opinion on a matter which in all likelihood will wind up before the nation's highest tribunal.

He declined the bid in a letter to Rep. Richard M. Nixon (Rep., Cal.), chairman of the committee's subcommittee on legislation. He said he will not be available and, even if he were, he would question the propriety of testifying.

"One of the serious considerations for your committee," Roberts wrote, "is the constitutionality of the proposed legislation. I think it would be improper for a former member of the Supreme Court publicly to state his views on constitutional questions which may come before the court. . . .

"To do so might, I think, cause serious misunderstanding and might to some extent defeat the purpose of the hearing."

# Harlem Acts To Help Free Claudia Jones

A fighting organization to save Claudia Jones, young Negro Communist leader, from an FBI deportation plot, was set up in Harlem over the week-end. The response of

Harlem to the FBI attack was almost instantaneous. At short notice more than 80 representatives of Harlem organizations crowded the meeting room of the Association of Trade and Commerce at 2370 7th Ave. Friday night on the coldest night of the year and organized a Save-Claudia Jones Committee.

Councilman Benjamin J. David will play an active part in the work of the committee.

A delegation will carry the committee's protest to Washington early this week.

And a Committee of Women for Claudia Jones, proposed by Audley Moore, Harlem woman's leader, will carry the fight into the homes of the people.

### LEADERS HIT ACTION

West Indian Negro leaders, lawyers, physicians and trade unionists and business men were among the men and women who denounced the plot to send Miss Jones back to Trinidad after 24 years' residence in New York.

Richard B. Moore, temporary chairman of the committee, is secretary of the American Committee for West Indian Federation.

Cyril Philip, a Harlem business man, who chaired the meeting, is temporary secretary-treasurer. Dr. Charles Petione, president of

the West Indian Council, is taking a leading part in the fight.

Dr. Petione, an elderly physician, who had been a guest at the wedding of Claudia's parents back in Trinidad, bristled with anger as he scored the deportation plot.

### NOW COMMUNISTS BACK FIGHT

He was not a Communist, he said, but he wanted the world to know that non-Communists, who loved liberty, were fully behind the fight to protect American liberties.

He added that he personally doubted whether the Trinidad government would accept this girl, who had done so much to defend her people.

Dr. Petione got that opinion after discussing Miss Jones' case with a representative of the British consulate in New York.

Attorney Hope Stevens, vice president of the United Mutual Life Association, warned that the attack on Miss Jones was part of a move "to confuse and divide the people in preparation for war."

### GETS OVATION

Claudia Jones herself got a most enthusiastic ovation as she rose to tell of the FBI's night raid on her apartment at 504 W. 143d St. last week.

The FBI men, who pushed their way into her home at night were a crude and rude crowd, she declared. They tried to get her to let them search the place without any search warrant.

"The attempt to deport Alexander Bittelman and myself, and other men and women is a desperate attempt to frighten the people. That attempt will fail."

The crowd cheered this.

### WON'T BE INTIMIDATED

Rose Gaudin, Negro member of the Communist National Committee, said her own father had been hanged by the Ku Klux Klan in the South.

"They are foolish if they think they can intimidate our people after all we have suffered," she continued.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the Party's national committee, said she came to sound a "call to

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## Plan 'China Week' to Protest U. S. Gov't Aid to Chiang

By Joseph Starobin

Plans for a "China Week" to protest U. S. government support of Chiang Kai-shek, and strong resolutions condemning our foreign policy in the rest of Asia were adopted yesterday by a two-day National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East.

Four hundred and eighty delegates and observers from 140 organizations, among them 125 trade union national and local bodies, took part in the extremely rich and varied program at the Hotel Roosevelt.

At the opening mass meeting Friday night, 1100 New Yorkers packed the City Center Casino to hear Anna Louise Strong declare that "one hundred and fifty million people (in North China and Manchuria) are learning to hate America, for the aid America gives to Chiang Kai-shek."

Miss Strong, just returned from a year and a half in the Communist-led areas as well as North Korea was joined in a scorching attack on American policy by James G. Endicott, a Canadian missionary who was former adviser to the dictator.

Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, former governor of Puerto Rico, and now

at the U. of Chicago told the same meeting:

"So long as we man a rampart belligerently in the Near East, support any corrupt reactionary group who will consent to oppose Russia, neglect our true friends in South America, China and everywhere else in the world, and rearm with truculent enthusiasm, I think we cannot honestly claim to have made an honest effort to avert war."

Yesterday's session which elaborated specific resolutions on China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia and India was brought to an electrified finish by Paul Robeson, in a series of songs, and a brief speech condemning imperialism.

Earlier yesterday, a special memorial was held for the late Brig. Gen. Evans Fordyce Carlson, with addresses by Michael Straight, editor of the New Republic, Agnes Smedley, veteran China expert, and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, opposition leader within the Kuomintang. Straight recalled Carlson's deep conviction in the future of a Socialist America.

### DuBOIS SPONSOR

Among the sponsors, which includes Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, the great Negro historian, was New York's Councilman, Stanley Isaacs, who took part in all the sessions. While expressing his faith in the Marshall Plan's objectives for Europe, Isaacs joined in condemnation of American policy in Asia.

Special papers were read on aspects of the Far East by one of the

most impressive collection of experts assembled. Among them were Israel Epstein, Mark Gayn, T. A. Bisson, Bernard Seeman, Frederick V. Field, and Dr. Dirk Struik.

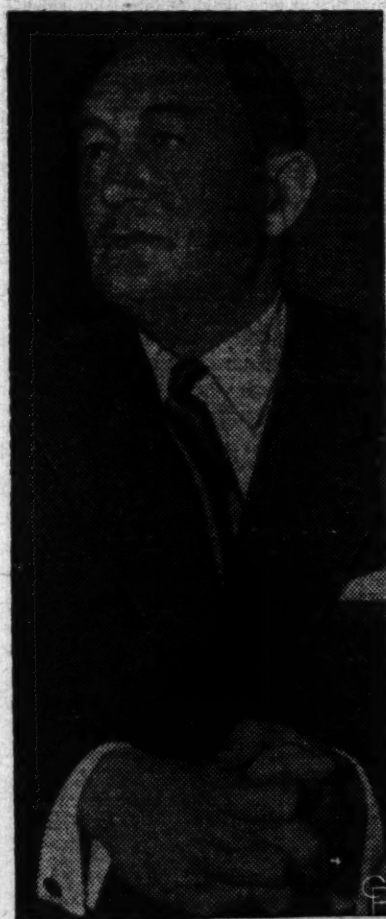
The conference was chaired by Hugh de Lacy, former congressman from Washington. Among labor leaders who took part were Hugh Bryson, president of the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards CIO, and Harry Davis, president of the Canadian Seamen's Union.

In the discussion, special emphasis went to the recent action of Canadian seamen in stopping munitions destined for Chiang.

A Negro nurse, Dorothy Doyle, told of her experiences with the Chinese Communist armies, and Dr. Catherine Lealtad, formerly with UNRRA in China, gave details of how passage of supplies for the Chinese people were sabotaged by Kuomintang officials and used for their own personal profit.

## Plane With 5 Lost in Storm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP). — Army, Navy and Coast Guard search planes patrolled the skies between here and Newark, N. J., today in hopes of spotting a twin-engine coast guard plane with at least five men aboard which disappeared in a driving snow storm early yesterday.



EDWIN W. PAULEY, aide to the Army Secretary, listens to revelations at a Senate hearing in Washington about his profits in grain speculation. He told investigators he was going right back into speculation when he leaves his government post.

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

POINT OF ORDER has composed an anthem for Bizonia (the U.S. and British combined zone in western Germany) to be sung at all Wall Street board of directors' meetings:

Hail, hail to thee, beloved Bizonia!  
Land where First National holds its sway;  
Owned by American Telegraph-Telephonia,  
We love thy Earth and thy General Clay.  
Bizonia today, Trizonia to be,  
And still thy praises and charms we'll shout  
Till Dulles' Monozonia we'll see  
When British and French we've gently eased out.



POLICE in France have no difficulty in identifying Bellange, one of Paris' better known gangsters. Tattooed on his throat are stars and on his forehead the phrase "Pas de chance" which means "no luck." There's more truth than poetry in this, since the criminal was in court at the time the photograph was taken.



# City CIO Maps Action to Elect Isacson to Congress

The City CIO is working for a complete mobilization of labor's political strength behind the candidacy of Leo Isacson, American Labor Party nominee for Congress from the 24th Congressional District, Bronx, Saul Mills, secretary of the City CIO Council announced yesterday.

The executive board of the Council has endorsed Isacson, he said, and has provided every union with a detailed master plan for action to be taken in each local from now until the special election Feb. 17 in support of his campaign.

"This is the first test of labor's independent political strength in the crucial 1948 elections," Mills declared. "We are confident we can prove that strength and give the 1948 campaign a proper send-off with the election of Leo Isacson."

"Mr. Isacson has a splendid record through his years of public service in and out of the State Legislature in support of CIO's program."

"It is high time the people sent more men to Congress responsive to our needs. An overwhelming majority of the present Congress has proven its slavish devotion to the wishes of big business interests determined to grind down the people in defense of fabulous profits."

"We are going to replace such congressmen. We will make a beginning by electing Leo Isacson to represent us."

The master plan on which unions are now at work calls for recruiting canvassers from every borough for ringing doorbells until Feb. 17, special mailings to members asking them to vote for Isacson and to volunteer for campaign duty, recruiting speakers for sound truck and street corner meetings.

To enable unions to quickly locate members living in the 24th, the Council has given affiliates a breakdown of every street within the district.

## Hierarchy Raps Plea to Divide Church-State

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).—The National Catholic Welfare Conference today denounced as anti-Catholic and un-American a manifesto issued recently by leading Protestant churchmen which called for separation of church and state.

Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati, speaking for the conference and the Catholic hierarchy in the United States, said the manifesto is "bound to arouse intolerance, suspicion, hatred and conflict between religious groups."

The Protestant document was released Jan. 11 and announced formation of "Protestants and other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State." It emphasized that "our controversy is not with any church, Roman Catholic or any other," but the sponsors demand the immediate recall of Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal ambassador to the Vatican.

The manifesto was issued after two Protestant delegations called at the White House in months past with demands that Truman recall Taylor and sever diplomatic ties with the Holy See.

## Big Business Now 'NEBB'-ulous Hero

By Rhea Wright

If artist W. A. Carlson wants a simply colossal idea for a cartoon character to replace his not-so-sensational family, The Nebbs, here's one absolutely free. The hero would

be a noble Big Business tycoon and the continuity (story) would relate his heroic struggle to keep the Communists from turning the United States over to the American people.

In giving Mr. Carlson this idea, I will also throw in a terrific title for the comic-strip: Super-Louse.

### CARLSON'S OWN IDEA

In a way, I'm only stealing Mr. Carlson's own idea, for this is just about the continuity he brought into the Nebbs' strip last week. It appears to be the sequel to his reported threat, last December, to do anti-Communist continuities by way of forcing the Daily Worker to cease publication of The Nebbs.

The Daily Worker had agreed to drop the strip, before it heard of the threat, at the request of the distributors — the Bell Syndicate. But as syndicated cartoon-strips are prepared far in advance, Carlson had evidently already done the continuity which began last week and will continue indefinitely.

The continuity began Monday with a burglary clearly designed to lead to a spy sequence involving the theft of crucial American scientific (atomic-bomb) secrets by boss-hating workers in the pay of a foreign country. The foreign agents speak with a German accent, as the week goes on, but the country they work for begins with "R."

At the end of six strips (Saturday), Carlson seems to have made his point: that workers who don't admire their bosses, who don't think the capitalist system is wonderful, who dare to criticize big industrialists or private enterprise, are either foreign agents or ripe for recruiting into the spy system of a certain country.

The tycoon, in glorious contrast, has no thought but the security of the United States. He is a benevolent boss who does not interfere with his workers when they wish to study Communism. He objects only to their doing it on his time which is, after all, no more than the objection a normal boss makes to lavalary visits during working hours.

On Dec. 9 when we reported pressure on the Daily Worker to drop several comic strips contracted from the Bell Syndicate, and announced we were dropping the not highly-regarded Nebbs, we explained our desire for other strips in these terms:

"The Daily Worker, having always fought an uphill fight to obtain the material means to put its point of view before the American people, decided this year to buy as many standard circulation-getting devices employed by American commercial newspapers, as it could af-

ford and obtain. Cartoon strips are one of the most important of these devices."

The pressure upon us, like the current Nebbs continuity, is a direct result of the anti-Communist hysteria deliberately built up in this country by the Truman Doctrineers and Marshall Planners. Another result is the reluctance of feature syndicates to sell us their merchandise: the comic strips they distribute for profit.

The Bell Syndicate, however, took the position that it is a great service to capitalism to sell comics to the Daily Worker. Syndicate president John N. Wheeler declared that, "were it possible to get a visa, and should there be any prospect of success, we would send a good salesman, preferably one with a Russian vocabulary, to Moscow to try to sell to Izvestia and Pravda."

Not even a Russian vocabulary would help your salesman sell the new Nebbs continuity to Izvestia and Pravda, Mr. Wheeler. And for that matter, it might be unwise to offer it to progressive trade union papers right here in America. Militant union men have an interesting Anglo-Saxon vocabulary.

## Sister Kenny to Talk At Town Hall

Sister Elizabeth Kenny's first speech here since her return from conferences with the medical profession of 14 foreign countries, will be given at Town Hall Wednesday, 11 a.m. Her talk, entitled, "What Has Time Revealed?" will be delivered under the auspices of the Town Hall Morning Lecture Division. Sister Kenny first brought her new concept of infantile paralysis and its treatment to the U. S. in 1940.

## Funeral Ship Crewmen in Germany

BREMERHAVEN, Germany, Jan. 25 (UP).—Nineteen crewmen of the ill-fated U. S. funeral ship Joseph V. Connolly arrived yesterday aboard the U. S. transport Gen. R. E. Callan, none the worse for the fire which forced them to abandon their ship in mid-Atlantic.

The Connolly, carrying 6,500 coffins in which the bodies of U. S. war dead were to be taken home from Europe, burst into flame before dawn Jan. 12, and was abandoned within 45 minutes. All of her crew were rescued.

## As We See It

### 'Voluntary' Measures Are Not The Answer to Harlem Price Gouge

By Abner Berry

IT'S NOT NEWS to any one that prices in Harlem are higher than elsewhere in the city. And no one should have to be told that Harlem citizens do not like being forced to buy inferior merchandise at higher prices. Two outbreaks—one in 1935, the other in 1943—have expressed militantly and dramatically community resentment against this form of exploitation.

But on top of this experience, the Mayor's Committee on Unity, like sophomores on a field trip, have looked on all sides of the question and summed up its impressions in a theme paper called a report. Everything would be lovely, they write, if only the merchants and the consumers would get together and "develop a mutually acceptable statement of business policies and practices." In addition, the committee proposes a number of steps to "encourage merchants" to be good and to educate the consumers on shopping practices.

Its report is all too simple and sophomoric. Does the committee believe for one minute that merchants now reaping millions from a system so long established will now unite with the consumers to cut down their own "take?" Not likely. Unless, maybe, the Mayor's Committee passes out magic with its reports.

I don't doubt the good faith of the committee members. They undoubtedly meant well. But they looked in all directions when writing their report. They didn't want to ruffle anybody's feelings. That is the way to unity, they feel. But it is a rather tenuous unity with too much explosive stuff underneath it.

THE COMMITTEE says the issues in Harlem "are not basically interracial." That is said for unity. But whom are they fooling? The Negroes who live there know that Harlem is a Negro ghetto and that Negro ghettos throughout the United States are happy hunting grounds for the get-rich-quick merchant. The Negroes know that 125th St., the main shopping street in Harlem, is an almost lily-white preserve for white business men. The Negro businesses out of hundreds on the ground floor in the street can be counted on the fingers of one man's hand.

And everyone knows that they are not there because they are Negroes. The committee would not have to look far to find Negroes who were denied space there.

HARLEM needs more than a lecture on unity. Jimcrow practices are destroying the basis of unity. The merchants did not create the Jimcrow patterns, it is true, but they are utilizing them for profit. The committee muffed the ball in its report in not recognizing this and calling it to the attention of the merchants and the whole community and proposing measures to protect the people against unfair practices. The muf was dangerous, too, because it left the situation to fester.

Unscrupulous business men can utilize the report to justify their contempt for the Negro community. And there are those among the Negroes who would like to see the rift between the merchants and the consumers converted into an anti-Semitic campaign. I have heard some talk along this line. Some Negro business men are duped into believing that a fight against the Jewish merchants will open up new markets for them. These are facts and we cannot wish them out of existence with a wishy-washy report.

A city administration, alert to the situation in Harlem, would act to meet the issues, not dodge them.

THE REPORT should not have limited its proposals to voluntary measures by the community. The measures it proposed have been tried out for the past 15 years. We don't ask citizens to volunteer to conduct traffic when there is a jam in their neighborhood. Why ask them to assume responsibility for law enforcement when it affects their relationship with the business community?

Harlem should be given the protection of the district attorney's office on many of the price complaints being made.

Both the health and markets departments should be charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that unsanitary stores are closed and that the goods sold are not misrepresented.

The committee should break out of its conference room plush and mahogany, abandon its salon "hearings" and open its doors to the people in public hearings. If it did this, its proposals would be more realistic and its contributions more tangible.

This price struggle in Harlem cannot be treated as a private feud between an uptown newspaper and the uptown Chamber of Commerce. It is an issue that affects the entire community. Unless it is handled with more forthrightness than the Mayor's Committee on Unity has shown so far, it can have the very opposite effect to that which the committee's name implies.

## Call Manhattan CP Meetings

The Manhattan County Communist Party sections will hold special membership meetings this week in a drive to complete the Press and Fund campaign by Feb. 1.

Manhattan CP spokesmen said yesterday that the completion of the campaign by Feb. 1 would help defeat the latest attacks on the Party's leaders, Alexander Bittelman and Claudia Jones, win shopmates and neighbors for the third party, and help expose 'Wall Street's desire to colonize the world.'

The special action membership meeting dates are: Monday, Jan. 26, the West Side at 2744 Broadway; Tuesday, Jan. 27, East Midtown at the Irving Plaza, 15 Irving Place; Henry Forbes, at Ukrainian Hall;

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## The Wallace Race Stirs Schenectady GE Plant

By Max Gordon

SCHENECTADY, Jan. 25.—"I am a Republican ward committeeman. But when a man comes out and bucks the brass hats; when he fights the Taft-Hartley law, when he comes out right square behind the workingman, I'm for him. I'm a Republican, but I'm going to vote for Mr. Wallace."

The speaker was Joe Sacoccio, GOP committeeman in Schenectady and worker in the General Electric Company. The occasion was a general membership meeting Tuesday of huge Local 301 of the United Electrical Workers. The order of business was a free-for-all discussion of Henry Wallace and the 1948 elections.

Sacoccio made it plain he took a sour view of the candidacy of one Harry S. Truman and would not have been deterred from his usual course if Truman were the only alternative.

"Has Mr. Truman said anything about the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law?" he asked. "And I am not for a Marshall Plan with strings attached, and that's what they've got," he affirmed.

Discussion with a score of rank-and-filers after the meeting indicated to me that Sacoccio's views reflected the deep-going change in the political life of this hitherto Republican community, resulting partly from the record of the Republican Congress and partly from Wallace's candidacy.

### TWO TRENDS

I will describe this change in greater detail in an article in The Worker of Feb. 1. But I will say here that there is virtually no anti-Wallace trend as such in the plant. To the extent that sentiment has crystallized, there are two trends: One which says both parties are the same, and we're going to vote for Wallace, win or no. The other says Wallace is the best man, but he has no chance to win and we do not want to waste our vote.

At the moment, the second is the dominant trend, but that can change.

The sentiment expressed by Sacoccio, because it is typical, is important to the congressional race. It places on a realistic basis labor's campaign for the defeat of the Taft-Hartleyites in this area.

The 31st congressional district consists of Schenectady, Montgomery, Fulton, Hamilton and Otsego counties. Schenectady County casts about half the votes.

The incumbent Congressman is Bernard J. Kearney, typical reactionary Republican, who licked his Democratic-ALP opponent in 1946 by a vote of 66,000 to 46,000.

Other key parts of the districts are the industrial cities of Amsterdam, Gloversville, Johnstown and Oneonta, and the farm areas of Otsego and Montgomery Counties.

I have not yet had a chance to go into the other industrial areas, which are well organized, but have been told by a leading union official in Gloversville that there have been attitudes expressed by Republican unionists similar to that of Sacoccio.

An Otsego County Farmers' Union official also informed me that leading members of his local

there, which is fairly strong, have also expressed enthusiasm for the Wallace candidacy. They are virtually all Republicans.

Hence there is a conviction here that Kearney can be licked in this GOP stronghold, provided unity is developed between the Wallace movement and liberal forces in the major parties.

There is a powerful agency for the development of this unity. Despite differences on the presidential race, the powerful CIO unions in the area remain united in a 31st Congressional District committee, of which the Farmers' Union is also a part. The committee has just issued a progressive platform expressing the common views.

The committee is expected to be instrumental in getting the Democrats and the Wallace groups to unite behind a common candidate against Kearney by official designation or in primaries. It may also be helpful in defeating Kearney in the Republican primaries if such a move develops.

The fact that the workers in the great GE plant here are heatedly discussing the Wallace issue at this early stage indicates a record turnout at the polls in November. This, plus the tendency among Republican workers and farmers to shift to Wallace, promises to result in the dislodging of a reactionary Republican Congressman for the first time in modern history.

It has also, incidentally, placed on the griddle one of the top Republicans in the state, Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck, who represents Schenectady in the Assembly and is being groomed as a possible successor to Dewey. His defeat for re-election to the Assembly would finish him politically.

## Red-Baiters Take Licking In Largest UE Local

Supporters of CIO Secretary James Carey's red-baiting group were trounced four to one in elections held by the largest local of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—Local 475, Brooklyn. Results announced over the weekend revealed that Charles Fay, incumbent president, had defeated William Askew, 4,485 to 1,114.

Other administration candidates were elected by similar margins. John Dillon, a leader of the Members for Democratic Action, which is headed by Carey and Harry Block, discredited former national official, lost out to incumbent Business Manager Clifton Cameron, 4,235 to 1,335.

Elections in the local, which has more than 18,000 members, were held Dec. 16. Results were not made public until after a tellers committee and the union's execu-

## Consolidated Edison Seeks To Boost Gas Rate Again

By Louise Mitchell

If you think you are being gyped by the utility companies, wait until Consolidated Edison Co. gets the increase it is now asking of the Public Service Commission. The giant utility, which provides gas and electricity to 1,100,000 customers in Manhattan, Bronx and parts of Queens is asking that the minimum bi-monthly gas bill be raised to \$2, and that the price of the first 1,000 feet of cubic gas be boosted from \$1.15 to \$2.

This boost would raise your gas bill at least 85 cents if you are a minimum user, and more in most cases.

Average home users whose bi-monthly bills are now \$3 will be forced to pay \$3.93.

The proposed boost will fall hardest on small, residential users who already pay a disproportionate share of the cost of gas sold. \$8,239,700

In round sums, the Consolidated is asking for permission to boost the gas bill of its users about \$8,239,700. The company's statements show how this increase will be paid.

\$7,109,000 to come from home users.

\$428,000 to come from general service.

\$701,000 to come from commercial users.

Unless the public makes a tremendous howl, the company stands a sure chance of getting its demand for an increase.

Already most of the other gas companies in the city have been granted so-called "temporary" boosts by the Commission.

The Brooklyn Borough Gas Co. which received an okay to raise rates last year has two petitions before the Commission for additional increases amounting to at least 25 percent.

The \$1.15 minimum now being charged home users by Consolidated was set in 1922. Throughout the 25 intervening years not a single decrease has taken (Continued on page 7)

## CIO Fishermen Laud Wallace, Third Party

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 25.—A resolution calling Henry A. Wallace "the last Democrat of presidential stature who adheres to the ideas of Franklin D. Roosevelt" was adopted unanimously here by the ninth annual CIO convention of the Fishermen.

It was the first national convention of a CIO unit to adopt a political policy for 1948.

The resolution spoke approvingly of third party movements, although it did not commit the union to support of Wallace or any other third party candidate.

The report of President J. F. Jurich and Secretary Jeff Kibre said:

"The two major parties have tended to merge into a single party of reaction. It is no longer a case of a Democratic New Deal party versus a big business Republican machine, but rather a question of Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

"The Wallace movement has given fresh impetus to those leaders who say that a new political union of the common people, labor, farmers, professionals and small business people, is the only answer to preserving a free America."

### HIT FOREIGN POLICY

Jurich and Kibre also declared that U. S. Foreign policy has affected members of the union seriously.

"During the spring and summer months, while millions starved for want of food, hundreds of West Coast trawlers were forced into idleness through lack of markets," their report said.

"Washington (is) more interested in rebuilding the Japanese industry as a buffer against the Soviet Union than in serving the needs of American fishery interests.

"We offer our food and other resources not to feed starving peoples or accomplish the reconstruction of war-devastated Europe, but to influence the internal policies of the nations which need our help."

### Army Claims Canada

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In war and peace for military and commercial reasons the United States is tied to Canada, the Army said today.

In an armed forces talk entitled Our Neighbor Canada, it told U. S. troops throughout the world that Canada was important to the U. S. for trans-Polar warfare as well as trade.

The talks, prepared by the Army's troop information division for delivery by officers to their troops, are cleared by the Army and State Department before their release.

## Stassen to Enter Ohio Primary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Harold E. Stassen announced today he will enter the Ohio primary May 4 in a direct challenge to the Republican presidential ambitions of Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Stassen announced he would not enter a slate in New York, where candidates for delegate to the GOP national convention may run as independents without being pledged to any presidential aspirant.

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# CIO Board Minority Assails Marshall Plan

(Reprinted from late edition of The Worker)

By George Morris

WASHINGTON. — Heads of unions with a membership of 1,500,000 dissented on the CIO executive board's approval of the Marshall Plan just as they did the day before when they voted against the anti-third party decision. No record vote was taken, but a check among members of the board indicated that essentially the same dividing line held on both issues.

The CIO's formal approval of the European Recovery Program (ERP) came in the form of a resolution on legislative objectives in the present Congress designed, as it states, to "put first things first."

Passage of the ERP bill heads the objectives listed.

Then come the provisions in Truman's anti-inflation program and repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Upon adjournment of the meeting, Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, released a copy of the statement, sharply attacking the Marshall Plan, that he had read before the board.

The Marshall Plan, declared his statement, aims at "American big business economic control of Europe and gearing our entire domestic economic and political structure into the drive." Bridges charged that ERP "is not the idea expressed by Marshall last June," when it supposedly concerned relief for the hungry.

**CITES WALLACE PLAN**  
Bridges submitted the seven-point Wallace plan as the kind of a European Recovery Plan the CIO should support.

The Marshall Plan, said Bridges, aims "to rebuild and reestablish Germany and German basic industry under the direction and control of the same German and American Wall Street business interests which financed and supported Hitler's rise to power." It further aims to "saddle upon the European countries against their will, the American big business free enterprise system by making it actually a condition for receiving aid."

The sponsors of the program have "demanded the abandonment of nationalization programs in participating countries," continued the statement.

Bridges further charged that the Marshall Plan is a "cold logical application of the militarist Truman Doctrine."

"We oppose with equal vigor," continued Bridges' statement, "those isolationist reactionaries like Taft, Hoover and Dulles who in seeking the same objectives as the Marshall Plan-Truman Doctrine nevertheless wish to attain them as cheaply as possible for American big business."

The Bridges statement, while issued in his own behalf, undoubtedly expresses the views of the other union presidents who opposed the majority resolution. The board's resolution contained no arguments for the Marshall Plan, nor was there much effort within the executive board to reply to the indictment of the Marshall Plan read by Bridges.

**REPLY WITH REDBAITING**

According to reports, most of the reply consisted of abusive redbaiting and heckling. Walter Reuther, of the Auto Workers, and Emile Rieve, of Textile, were reported to be the noisiest hecklers and abusers, but Philip Murray, it was reported, also did some redbaiting.

Included in the legislative resolution is a demand for abolition of the Un-American Committee and enactment of recommendations in the President's Civil Rights report. The resolution also declares, "We must prevent the imposition on this country of peacetime universal military training, which is definitely not the answer to national security."

Two other statements, both unanimously passed, were made public

by the board. One renews the CIO's position for wage increases and for a halt to rising prices. The other statement expresses full backing to the International Typographical Union now waging labor's major struggle against the Taft-Hartley Law.

As the board was about to adjourn, Hugh Bryson, president of the Cooks and Stewards, raised the issue of the Greek death penalty for striking. On motion by Bridges and a second by Ferdinand Smith of the Maritime Union, it was decided to request the State Department to intercede in Greece and inform that government that its anti-strike law is inimical to democratic rights.

The 11-man executive board of the CIO's Political Action Committee, after a two-hour session, released a statement restating PAC's determination to press its campaign for high registration and to educate voters on issues. The only apparent excuse for the meeting was one sentence in the statement which "commended" the CIO's executive board for opposing a third party. It was on that point that Fitzgerald and Secretary - Treasurer Julius Emspak of the UE voted in the negative.

Murray expressed opposition to William Green's proposal for a 45-hour week, with the ninth hour paid overtime rates.

**Battle Over Gerson Seat**  
(Reprinted from late edition of The Worker)

By Michael Singer

A score of civic, veteran, labor and political groups, including the Communist Party, battled militantly on Friday through a stormy City Council hearing for the right of Simon W. Gerson to the Council seat made vacant by the death of the late Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist.

Cutting through a barrage of legalisms hurled at them by Walter Hart, chairman of the Rules Committee, and Louis P. Goldberg, Brooklyn Liberal, speakers exposed the anti-democratic strategy of the committee.

They declared that Friday's session was merely the first round in a fight to preserve democratic electoral rights for 75,000 Brooklyn voters who elected Cacchione.

The hearing, which opened to packed galleries at 4:30 p.m., after bitter clashes and minor demonstrations.

At one point a police move to eject State Senator Kenneth Sherbell was narrowly averted.

Action was laid over to an executive session of the committee to be called by Hart.

Debate was formally on Council Resolution 546, introduced by Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis of Manhattan, calling for the election of Gerson to Cacchione's vacant seat. Discussion grew sharp as Hart strove desperately to limit discussion to legal technicalities and avoid the blunt charge that he was denying representation to 75,000 citizens.

## Delay Dennis, Eisler Hearings

The Court of Appeals in Washington announced late Friday that the appeals of Eugene Dennis and Gerhart Eisler, scheduled to be heard Tuesday, had been indefinitely postponed. No explanation was given.

## Call Parley to Fight Rent Hike

Citywide action will be planned to fight the proposed 15 percent rent increase by landlords in New York City at a convention called by the Emergency Rent Committee. The parley will be held Jan. 30 and 31, at 13 Astor Pl.

The convention will also discuss action to implement the Committee's request for a five percent rent decrease.

Civic, community, labor and tenant organization leaders have been urged to attend the convention.

"Tenants are incensed at the elimination by the Federal Rent Advisory board of a second hearing promised 100 tenant speakers who remained unheard," the Committee declared.

## Payment Deferred

BALDWIN, Ga. (UP).—It was a long time to wait, but depositors of the Baldwin State Bank—which closed 16 years ago—have received another dividend. The eight percent pay-off amounted to about \$6,000.

## The World of Labor

### Playing Ping Pong With Votes of Railroaders

By George Morris

"WHITNEY ENDS Feud With Truman, Returns Trainmen to Democrats." So read the headline over the news story in the Times which reported that the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen had just smoked a peace pipe with the "political accident."

Standing beside Whitney and beaming with satisfaction, Democratic Chairman Howard McGrath told reporters "I am mending every fence I possibly can."

The President, his political pilots and the Times headwriter seem to take it for granted that Whitney has 200,000 trainmen in his pocket and can toss them around any way he pleases. They think it is as simple to settle matters with the 200,000 betrayed workers as to have a little secret chat with one man around a White House desk.

There isn't a labor leader in this country who is in a position to guarantee votes. Whitney is in a more difficult position in this respect than others. He is the man who opened the campaign, after the 1946 railroad strike was broken to retire Truman, and he did a very effective job then. I hate to see a labor leader who, by comparison with others was a bit progressive, lose prestige among his own members. But that is what's going to happen to Alexander F. Whitney.

TRAINMEN, from what I know of them, are no less intelligent than others, have average memories, and don't like to be batted around like ping-pong balls.

I remember well how they cheered—the strike was broken—when Whitney vigorously denounced Truman. The Trainmen won't forget Whitney told a New York Madison Square Park rally that "we have been slipped a double-cross by Truman" and, that "we asked for bread and were given a stone."

Nor will they forget Whitney's piece in the June, 1946 Trainman, when he wrote:

"Harry S. Truman has shown he is truly a political accident. Truly a product of slippery politics, Harry S. Truman has failed his ardent supporters in the hour of need. Truly a man of slight capabilities, Harry S. Truman must be eliminated from office."

While Whitney gives the White House assurances, the members, lodge and regional officers in many parts of the country are circulating a petition in support of Wallace. The Milwaukee railroad lodges, with Louis Boucha, a Trainmen's officer the leader, initiated the petition. In California another Trainmen's officer is in the leadership in the drive to collect signatures to put Wallace and a third party on the ballot. In Connecticut, Oregon and other states leaders of the union are on the PCA state committees. It is these people down in the ranks who rally the votes.

IT SHOULD not be overlooked that Whitney faces some hard sledding among the rank and file for other reasons. The promised renewed fight for a change of the 44 working rules, the basis of the 1946 strike, did not materialize. Whitney pulled out of the fight and settled for some minor changes.

The railroad workers still don't get overtime rates, night differentials, extra pay for holiday work, or vacations that compare with those won in other industries.

Whitney has himself eloquently described those conditions when he justified strike action to change them. That fight has to be shelved now because the Marshall Plan and Truman's reelection is to be given precedence over everything.

BUT MOST disturbing of all is the theory Whitney advanced at his White House press conference that some of the Taft-Hartley Congressmen have had "a change of heart" and did as fast a flip-flop he did. Their vote on the slave labor law will no longer be decisive as the basis for endorsing or opposing them.

"It depends on who opposes them," said Whitney. He hinted that some candidates are even worse than those who voted for the Taft-Hartley Law. He gave no examples. Is it possible that opposition to the Marshall Plan is still worse than support of the T-H Law?

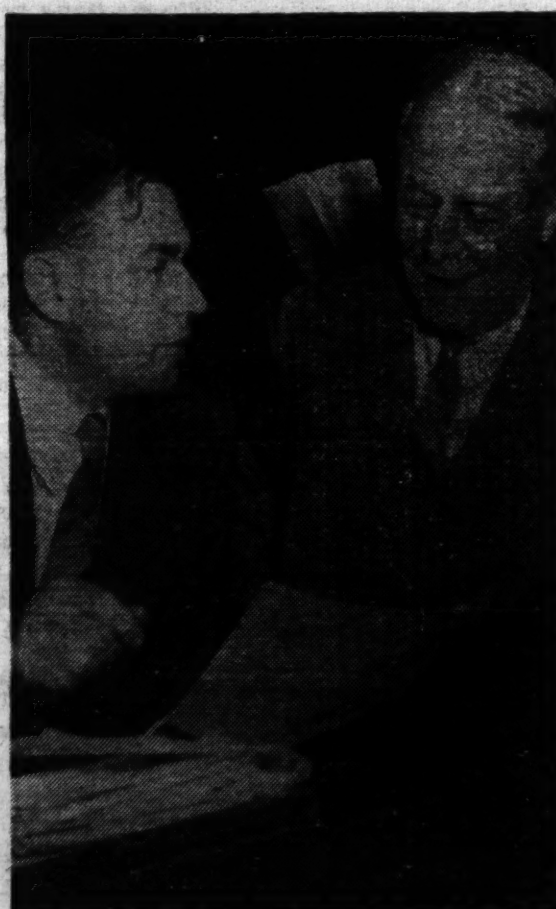
This is carrying the "lesser evil" theory to infinity. It is a denial that labor could ever have a choice of anything but an evil. But Whitney is no worse than the Max Lerner-Frank Kingdon type of a liberal. He just sees a little further ahead and the inevitable logic of their course. His talk with the President must have enlightened him on the "practical" aspects of the course he chose: The "lesser evil" policy demands soft-peddling and ultimate dropping of the Taft-Hartley issue in the 1948 campaign. Isn't Truman the candidate of the "Solid South" gang that voted almost solidly for the Taft-Hartley Law?

If Whitney thinks he can bring votes of railroaders to Truman on that basis, he'll be a very disappointed man on the morning after election.

He, himself, held Truman a dead duck when he testified before a House Committee on July 9, 1946. Asked about the many "millions" he promised to spend to defeat Truman, he replied:

"I have learned since that we won't need to spend any money to defeat President Truman if he becomes a candidate in 1948."

Citizens Committee to Defend Representative Government; Daniel Allen, political action director of the City CIO; George W. Fish, chairman of the Kings County ALP law committee; Howard Zinn of the Kings County American Veterans Committee; Leonard Leader of the Furriers Joint Council, and David M. Freedman, attorney for the Kings County Communist Party.



SIMON W. GERSON (left) chats with 81-year-old William Jay Schieffelin, president emeritus of the Citizens Union, at the Council hearing.

Speakers included Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, president emeritus of the Citizens Union; Rep. Vito Marcantonio, chairman of the American Labor Party; former City Councilman Charles Belous, representing the National Lawyers Guild; Senator Sherbell, chairman of the

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## 252,759 Sign Rent-Hike Lease In N. Y. Area

A total of 252,759 "voluntary" leases increasing rents up to 15 percent were filed with area rent offices in the New York City defense-rental area during the six and one-half months from July 1, 1947, through Jan. 1, 1948, Regional Rent Administrator Piet H. Hofstra of the Federal Office of Rent Control announced yesterday. The area includes the city's five boroughs and the counties of Nassau and Suffolk.

The Housing and Rent Act of 1947, which became effective July 1, 1947, stipulated that voluntary leases must be executed by Dec. 31, 1947, and extend through Dec. 31, 1948.

Mr. Hofstra said that the 252,759 figure represents about 13.5 percent of the registered housing units in the New York City defense-rental area, including houses and apartments. A weekly peak of about 15,500 leases was reached early in October, the traditional month when leases in New York City are renewed.

Housing accommodations covered by voluntary leases became decontrolled on Jan. 1. Also, rental on such housing units cannot be adjusted upward or downward by the Office of Rent Control.

### A Bulb Record

MONONGAHELA, Pa. (UP).—Ben Nelson read a news item about a light bulb said to have been in use for 17 years. "That Austrian-made bulb in my hallway at home," Nelson said, "is still going strong after 20 years."

## Reveals Nat'l Realty Boards Slur Negroes

The National Association of Real Estate Boards lumps "bootleggers," "gangsters," "madams" and Negroes together as "blights" to be avoided by "reputable brokers." This was revealed recently by Leslie Perry of

the Washington National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during testimony before the Congressional Joint Committee on Housing.

The committee was investigating conditions and practices that have retarded the development of an adequate housing program. Perry charged that NAREB, through its branches in every city of "exercising monopolistic powers" in violation of the law.

Perry cited article 34 of NAREB's "Code of Ethics" which provides:

"A realtor should never be instrumental in introducing into a neighborhood a character of property or occupancy whose presence will be clearly detrimental to property values in that neighborhood."

"When, for example, in a respectable neighborhood a house is wanted for conversion to an objectionable use, no reputable broker will consent the prospective buyer."

VIRGIL—No Tone



By LEN KLEIS

## Hint Sound Speed Beaten

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).—A government agency today produced what looked like the nearest thing thus far to an official hint that a U. S. airplane has flown faster than the speed of sound.

The apparent hint was in an announcement by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. It said that Laurence A. Clousing, NACA test pilot, will receive the 1947 Octave Chanute Award given by the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences to a pilot who has made "notable contribution to aeronautical science."

Clousing has flown a Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star at 86.6 percent of the speed of sound, the announcement said. Then it added:

"His speeds have been only recently exceeded, interestingly enough in one of several research airplanes built for and flown in NACA high-speed flight research."

## Teachers Fly to Albany Today To Demand Aid for Schools

A delegation of city school teachers will fly to Albany tomorrow morning to demand immediate legislation doubling state aid to education to provide New York City with enough teachers to staff schools for coming term, to grant \$900 salary increase, and funds for continuation of the child care program.

The executive board CIO Teachers union, in a specially convened meeting yesterday voted this action "as a desperate attempt to salvage the new school term, opening next week, from the chaos that will ensue due to teacher shortage in the

city, which has been estimated by Public Education Association at 10,000."

The union pointed out that "the Board of Education admits to more than 20,000 first-year pupils being jammed into classes of 40 or more, yet almost 1,000 teachers are scheduled to be fired

next week despite shortage of 10,000. The situation is critical. The recent survey of teachers' living standard has shown that New York city teachers are living at standards that are 26 percent below those of 1939 an immediate increase of \$900 must be granted."

The delegation will leave from Newark airport immediately after school today appointments were made yesterday with majority and minority leaders of the state legislature, representatives of Gov. Dewey and the State Education Department. Delegation includes representatives of elementary, junior high, senior high, and vocational schools substitutes school clerks and child care personnel. Samuel Wallach, union president and Rose Russell, union legislative representative, will head delegation.

The Teachers' Union announced the results of an extensive analysis of the living standards of New York City teachers which revealed that teachers' standards of living, despite the salary increase of last year are today substantially below those of 1939.

The survey, based upon the analysis of the standards of the 30,000 teachers in the New York City school system, revealed that 23,000 have had their living standards lowered by at least 26 percent. The others have suffered decrease ranging from 6 percent to 23 percent.

ALBANY, Jan. 25 (UP).—Governor Dewey will recommend that the state take over the expense of teacher training courses in New York City's four municipal colleges, it was reported today.

The state now operates 11 teacher training colleges upstate.

## Randolph Labels NLRB Bosses' 'Simon Legree'

INDIANAPOLIS (FP).—The NLRB is filling the role of whip-cracking Simon Legree for big business publishers under the Taft-Hartley Act., president Woodruff Randolph of the International Typographical Union (ITU) charged here as the board filed a federal court petition for a nationwide injunction against the ITU.

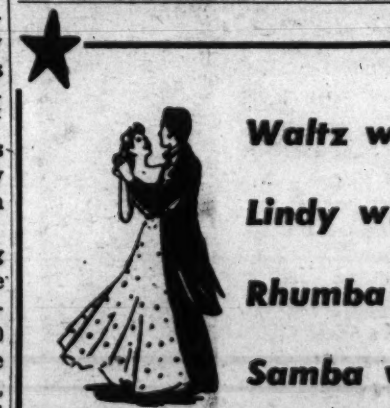
Judge Luther M. Swygert ordered the union to show cause at a hearing Feb. 9 why it should not be enjoined and restrained from strikes and slowdowns.

The injunction petition "asks that the ITU officers be restrained from everything publisher aides claim we are doing that they do not like," Randolph countered angrily. "The NLRB is shown up for what it is under the slave labor Taft-Hartley law, a Simon Legree. Cracking the whip for big business in the newspaper field, the NLRB asks for an injunction based on the imagination of those preparing the complaint."

RANDOLPH charged that the law "gives bureaucrats authority to stymie all decent trade union activity with injunctions worded as such injunctions always are, such as 'or by any other similar or related acts or conduct.'" The ITU will use every legal means possible "to preserve our freedoms," he said.

Winthrop A. Johns, NLRB trial attorney who filed the injunction petition, said the action was taken to "preserve control" pending final rulings by the board on charges of unfair labor practices brought against the ITU by the American Newspaper Publishers Assn., Nov. 17 under the Taft-Hartley Act. Hearings on the charges are now under way in Chicago.

The injunction would impose the most sweeping ban on union activities yet attempted by the NLRB. Attorneys for the board said that if the injunction is granted and a newspaper strike, involving any of the alleged unfair labor practices charged against the union, should be allowed to continue despite the court order, then the federal court here could impose contempt of court penalties against Randolph and three other top ITU officers.



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## Gas

(Continued from Page 5) place. There have been, however, a succession of reduction for whole and space-heating customers.

### REDUCTION POSSIBLE

The City CIO declared at the hearing, called by the Public Service Commission, that residential users are being discriminated against, that the company is making a reasonable profit and, moreover, that a REDUCTION IN RATES is possible.

Daniel Allen, CIO political action director, argued that this is a particularly inopportune time for the Consolidated Edison to be petitioning for a rate increase.

The Trans-Continental Gas Pipe Line Co. has submitted a plan to the Federal Power Commission for a pipe line, said Allen, which Mayor O'Dwyer has estimated would reduce costs and "therefore made it possible to decrease, rather than increase gas rates."

He charged that residential users consume 46 percent of the gas sold but pay 55 percent of the total sales price. On the other hand, the large commercial users who buy 21 percent of the gas pay only 17 percent of the total sales price.

Allen pointed out also that residential users will be paying 86 percent of the proposed increase.

President Ralph A. Tapscott,

## What's On?

### Tonight Manhattan

JAMES S. MARTIN, formerly head of the Decartelization Division in Germany, will speak on "UNITED STATES POLICY IN GERMANY AND WORLD PEACE," Monday, January 26th, at 8:00 p.m., Steinway Concert Hall, 113 West 57th Street. Admission 75c, tax incl. Sponsored by National Council of American Soviet Friendship, 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, N. Y.

### Coming

GERHART EISLER speaks on "Problems of Present Day Germany," 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29. Questions, discussion. Adm. Free. Village Forum, 436 Sixth Ave.

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# 'Freedom of the Press' Really Mechanized Warfare

By George Marion

They call it "freedom of the press," but fellows, it's really mechanized warfare! And you can't buy modern machines of war—for the battlefields of journalism—with good intentions. It takes dollars, millions of them. Non-millionaires, fighters for truth and the interests of the working people, must stick to guerilla tactics.

Partisan warfare is where you come in, reader-partner. But to defeat the enemy, we must know his ways. So let's swiftly review the whole process of mass-production in the news business, the mechanical basis of freedom of the press—for millionaires.

## NEWS BUSINESS

The publisher is a businessman. He buys news and pictures—he calls them "marketable words and images" in recognition of their commodity character—to put them on newsprint. He buys the newsprint at about \$95 a ton (or black market to \$250 or so a ton) and aims to sell that newsprint at \$95-plus per ton, in the form of a newspaper. Before he can do that, he must get the stories and pictures on a curved metal plate than can be buckled on the cylinder of a high-speed modern press.

The typewritten story or printed picture is turned into metal type or a flat metal "half-tone" or "line-cut" by processes we have described earlier. This metal is assembled on printer's tables called "stones." Following an editor's "dummy" or chart, a "make-up man" assembles all the stories and pictures for a single page (or two tabloid pages—front and back page of the Daily, for instance) in one metal frame called a chase or "form."

Now pressure wedges lock the type in place so the form can be moved without the type falling out. The heavy form is carted off to the mat-roller. The "mat" or matrix will bring us one step nearer the goal: it converts the flat metal type-page into a curved non-metal page.

A wet cardboard (papier mache like an oldtime Halloween mask) is laid over the form. The mat-roller puts on 2,200 pounds of pressure per square inch. The result is a kind of paper mold of the page.

## READY FOR THE PRESS

Now the mat is dried in the desired curved shape. The Daily



The stereotype machine that casts the plates

Worker's out-of-date driers take five or six minutes per mat; the News and Times have vacuum formers which do the job in seconds. The dry mat goes into one of the giant Autoplate Stereotype machines of the above papers (we have a single lesser machine). Hot metal flows into the mat and in a moment a 50-pound lead curved plate emerges—ready for the press.

We have already seen the presses in operation—\$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 worth of them. Stereotyping isn't that costly but neither is it free. To get at the cost, let's see how many such plates must be cast for say, an 80-page paper like many issues of the Times. Each plate prints a page and that's 80 plates. But the Times has 21 presses simultaneously printing a full paper, so 21 plates must be cast for each page—21 times 80. Allowing for "replates," corrections, late news and so on, the Times casts some 2,000 plates a night—100,000 pounds of plates!

The Times has 10 Autoplate Casting Machines at \$32,000 each to do all this. Every machine needs a shaver at \$18,000 each

and the setup is completed with five gas-fired furnaces (\$10,000 each) to melt and re-melt the metal used over and over for the process. (A smaller furnace in the composing-room does the same for the type-metal). Thus the stereotyping machinery of a big paper alone runs to over half a million dollars.

Well, that's why no one starts a bigtown paper without \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 in the bank. And that's the kind of competition the Daily Worker faces—as a newspaper. And that's what we must

solve if we are to put today's big issues before the American people.

## NEWS MONOPOLISTS

The news monopolists have a glib answer: that's Free Enterprise, they say; that's fair competition. When people buy millions of Daily Newses and only a few thousand Daily Workers, they have voted with their pennies, the press millionaires say. That's "freedom of the press." And it is supposed to sound very plausible—and "democratic."

But two cents spent for the News is no vote for the views of Patterson-McCormick: it's a vote for Terry and the Pirates. And by their monopoly of Terry, by their immense dollar advantage in news and picture competition, the News—and the Big Business press as a whole—wins a virtual monopoly of circulation.

But this "circulation" is the ear of America. Into that ear, between the comic strips, the Big Business press pours an unending stream of Taft-Hartley, Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan propaganda. Only the few who buy the Daily Worker (or the People's World on the West Coast) ever see in a daily newspaper the facts that reveal the imperialist, Wall Street character of the bipartisan war program now in effect.

## Final Installment of Our REPORT TO OUR READER-PARTNERS

... on our pursuit of  
"freedom of the press."

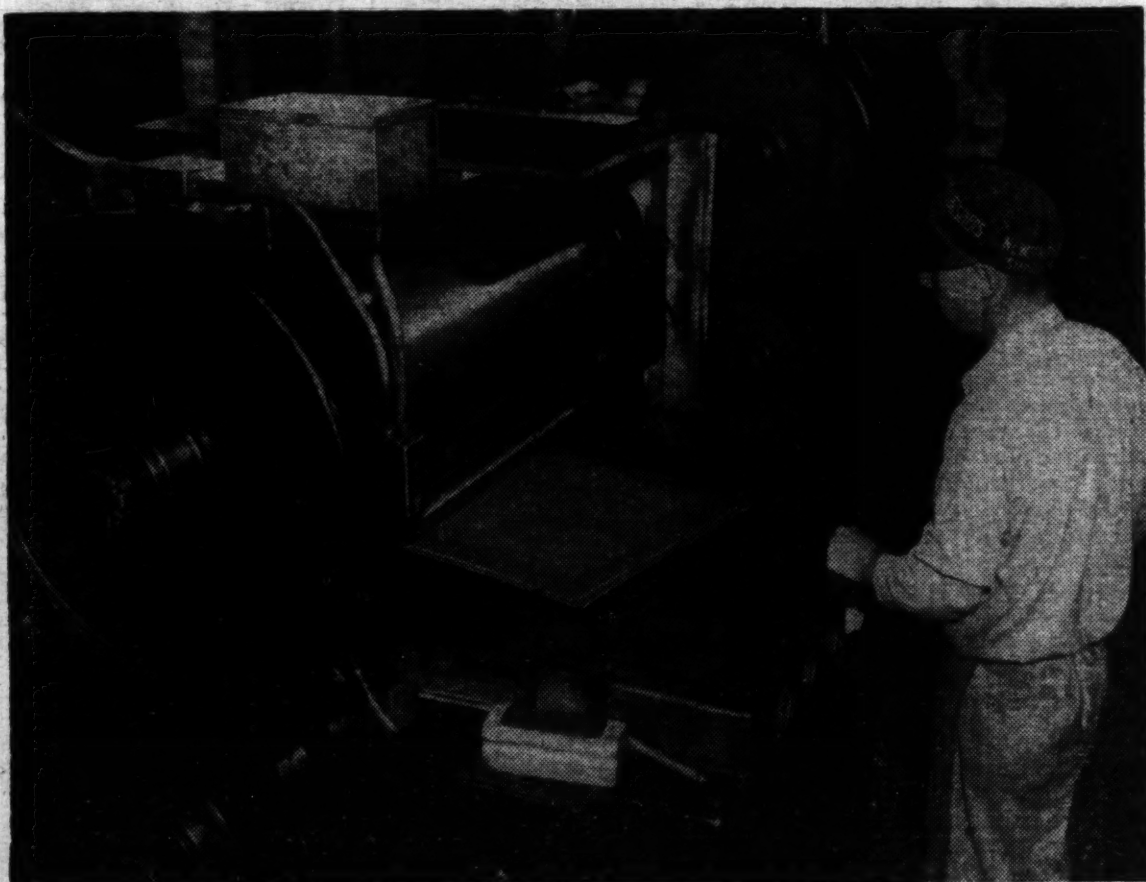
Thus, "freedom of the press" turns out to be no more than a catch-phrase concealing complete absence of freedom of debate. That is why the survival and growth of the Daily Worker are not primarily matters of "fair competition"; they cannot be allowed to depend upon our having better "merchandise" to offer than the Big Business newspaper publishers produce in their multi-million-dollar plants.

## POLITICAL FACTS

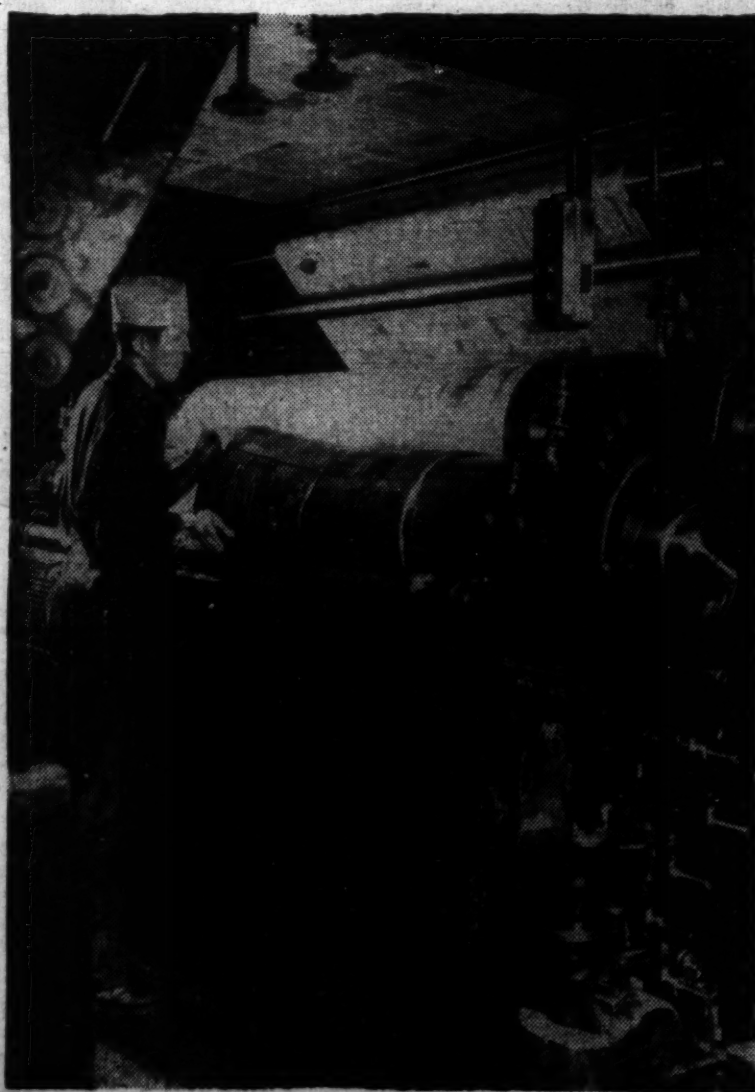
No, the existence and growth of the Daily Worker are political facts. They are inseparable parts of the process of broadening American democracy, of kicking the generals and the bankers out of Washington and bringing the United States back to the path of peace and social progress.

Active reporting by the readers of the paper, organized circulation-building, year-round fundraising, can help close the gap between the Daily Worker's physical resources and those of the Daily News. Better journalistic techniques by the paper's staff can help the reader-partner do his job.

But mastery of techniques is not an end in itself. Neither the members of the staff nor the readers of the paper dare lose sight of the real objective: to organize the American people against the Wall Street ruling clique that is plunging the United States and the world down the road to war and fascism today.



The mat-roller impresses the message of the type in the form on the wet papier-mache, turning it into a mold or matrix from which a curved lead stereotype plate can be cast.



The plates are buckled on the rollers of the press

THE TIMES observes that "events of the past week, in this country and Britain, must have strengthened in many anxious minds the fear that the Western World is drifting toward a war with Russia." It suggests this fear be examined, and asks what is the actual intent of ERP, the publication of Nazi documents, Bevin's proposal for a European Union and Churchill's anti-Soviet blast. War policies? "These policies and principles," says the Times with an optimistic glow, "are a peace plan, not a war plan. They do not menace Communism in Russia or in any state where the people voluntarily adopt it." This dangling of bundles of U. S. currency on a bayonet point, amid blustering threats from Washington and London, is our way of offering

## Press Roundup

Russia the peace, according to the Times.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE's Homer Bigart, writing from Athens, knocks down fake reports about armed battalions of foreign Communist troops marching across the northern border of Greece to bolster the democratic Greek Army of Gen. Markos. Says Bigart: "Communist aid to the rebel forces of Gen. Markos from across the northern frontier al-

ways has been exaggerated. No one but a Greek has been killed in the civil war; no one but a Greek has been captured."

THE MIRROR's Drew Pearson reveals that Bob Hannegan and Henry Wallace were the only two Truman Cabinet members who opposed Truman's plan to use troops against striking railroad men in 1946.

THE NEWS fears that the current popular uproar about grain speculators may cause "discouragement of money riskers—gamblers, if you want to call them that." ... And if this discouragement continues, warns the News, "our whole productive apparatus will bog down..."



New York, Monday, January 26, 1948

## The N. Y. Post Has Doubts

IT IS SO UNUSUAL to find a single question or doubt concerning the Truman-Marshall-Dulles war program in any newspaper in the country, that the recent appearance of such questioning in the New York Post is a notable thing.

The Post's publisher and editor, Mr. T. O. Thackrey, in a series of signed editorials last week, has introduced a new note into that paper's political viewpoint.

For example, Mr. Thackrey reverses the paper's stand on universal military training. Whereas, the Post had campaigned for UMT in Truman's footsteps, Mr. Thackrey now writes:

"It is time to call a halt. About face! We are no longer willing to see this added regimentation of our national human resources in a program already beyond the bounds in its emphasis on war, and its neglect of an equally determined effort to win the peace" (Jan. 21).

Following the blunt revelation that the Truman-Marshall planners are speeding the U.S.A. toward a war alliance with the "relief" nations, the Post said:

"Our only constructive foreign policy—bread instead of bullets, butter instead of guns, tractors rather than tanks—the European Recovery Program is beginning to lose its constructive force by talk of military conditions—an alliance of arms for the new war."

The Post has also seen quite clearly that the Truman administration is betraying the national liberation struggle of the Jewish people in Palestine by its complicity with British in arming the Arabs against the UN partition decision.

The Post noted also that the headline sensation (in which its front page fervently participated), by which the Truman-GOP war planners tried to bolster their case by referring to Nazi files of 1939 was "calculated to divert attention from our own shameful neglect of the United Nations as an instrument of peace."

THESE quotations indicate that some of the reality of the situation is beginning to break through the fog of self-delusion and outright deception which has been filling the writings of the Post's political columnists. These views are quite different from the war itch which pervades the writings of Riesel, George Fielding Eliot or Edgar Ansel Mowrer, or the evasions of Dr. Kingdon's column and the tortuous efforts of Samuel Grafton to justify what is so plainly unjustifiable.

Whether Mr. Thackrey's new doubts about the Truman-Marshall plan have stamina in them, it is too early to say. He is still clinging to the idea that the war-mongering of the Marshall plan is some new and unforeseen deformation of an originally pure intention.

He does not see that the preparation for conquest and war was the heart, the essence of that plan from the beginning, however sweetly it was embellished.

The logical question for Mr. Thackrey to answer—and we put it without any desire to belittle the importance of his recent change in editorial view—is where is this leading to?

Will Mr. Thackrey's paper break with the pro-war Liberal Party? Will it back the Berle-Alfange war party in the 24th Congressional Dist?

Mr. Thackrey is saying of the Truman-Marshall program's war incitements what Henry Wallace has been saying to the scorn of the backsliding liberals.

Will the Post's publisher continue to support the obvious war-mongering of the Truman administration?

Will he continue to a new stage of self-delusion in which he will say, "It is true that this is leading to war, but I'll try to change it from within the war camp?"

Or will he press his argument to its conclusion and admit frankly that the war party is indeed the Truman-GOP coalition, regardless of its differences over details, and that the third party movement behind Wallace is the only hope for American peace?

The facts are in, after all. We are sure that a majority of Mr. Thackrey's readers would support a decision to face the facts and to come out for peace, instead of for war madness which is the Truman-Marshall doctrine masked as "relief."

It is by deeds that public opinion will judge him.

## GARBAGE



## Letters from Our Readers

### UE Local Backs

#### Wallace for President

Jamaica, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Following are excerpts of the resolution sent to Philip Murray, president of the CIO.

"Whereas we recognize and are concerned with present economic, political and social conditions that are being forced upon the people of the world and . . .

"Whereas we are convinced beyond any doubt that abolition of effective price control that is causing the never-ending inflationary spiral, the ten million dollar loyalty purge and the Un-American Committee which is denying the people their constitutional right of civil liberties, ignoring due process of law, the anti-labor anti-union legislation used to beat down and oppress all labor can have but one perspective—unemployment, loss of consumer purchasing power, depression, and . . .

"Whereas the spending of American dollars under the guise of relief to arm the Greek and Turkish and Chiang Kai-shek government who are hostile to their own citizens and engaged in civil war against their own people, and . . .

"Whereas this is the foreign and domestic policy of both the Republican and Democratic Parties, we recognize both are equally

guilty in these matters; and . . .

"Whereas we recognize Henry A. Wallace to be the only candidate independent of both major political parties campaigning in a clear and obvious program of peace and abundance for the world, against universal military training, for full employment and price control and for protection of civil rights and liberties, then, therefore, be it

"Resolved that we, the 300 members of UERMWA Local 1227, affiliated with the CIO, employed by Dictograph Products, Inc., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. in meeting assembled, do declare that we are supporting Henry A. Wallace for President of the United States on the basis of his past record and present platform, be it further

"Resolved that we demand you as president of our parent organization use all the influence and prestige at your command to adopt as national policy of the CIO, the support of Henry A. Wallace for the office of President, and to meet with leaders of the AFL, Railroad Brotherhood, church and civic groups, for the purpose of organizing national support of Henry A. Wallace for President of the United States."

BRUNO ANDREWS

Chairman

UE Local 1227

### How a Team of Two Sells The Worker

New York.

Editor, The Worker:

This from two comrades (a white comrade and a Negro comrade working together as a team), who feel you should know the marvelous experiences we have been having with the Sunday Worker.

Living around Harlem, we have again and again been impressed by the remarkable receptiveness of the Negro people who, through bitter oppression, have learned many truths.

For several Sundays we have been selling 10 Workers each—and last Sunday the two of us sold seventy Sunday Workers, and that with amazing little effort!

How did we do it? We approached people frankly and said, "this is a paper published by the Communist Party. You know what the Communist Party stands for—that it champions the rights of the working people and fights discrimination in any form." The response has been wonderful, and we feel very sharply that in this section of the city particularly, there is the possibility of building one of the greatest democratic strongholds in America. And certainly the sale of The Worker can be built up to the proportions that this fine paper deserves.

There is, however, one subject which we think has been sadly neglected and would very much like to see given some space in the Sunday Worker—perhaps a series by Ben Davis and others, running in two or three issues. That is the Communist Party position on religion. The majority of Negroes are churchgoers and many have absorbed the idea that the Party is opposed to religion.

Such a series of articles would be much more effective than us as individuals trying to explain over and over again the Communist Party does not oppose religion. This erroneous idea has been circulated very diligently by groups who wish to split the Negro people from white progressives. Let's blast this lie with the bluntness and honesty it deserves—and let's show the people that the Communist Party practices the high moral precepts of the brotherhood of man that the church preaches.

RAMONA & LIL

### READING AND EATING

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

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## Harlem Acts

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action" against this "outrageous case."

"This case follows the Nazi pattern. I promise you that the Communist Party will give Claudia Jones its maximum support."

Richard B. Moore said the fight to save Claudia Jones would extend over the land.

"The Negro people know that still bigger concentration camps than the one at Ellis Island will be built if we don't defeat this deportation drive," he declared.

Special to the Daily Worker

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—Editors, ministers, lawyers and other leaders of the Negro community here denounced the arrest for deportation of Claudia Jones, Negro woman Communist leader.

Mrs. Charlotta Bass, editor of the Negro weekly, the California Eagle, said Miss Jones' arrest was a "not unexpected move."

"The Negro people," she said, "are the targets of reactionary red baiting just as they are the targets for Jim Crow, restrictive covenants and lynching. Now the moment has come when we can clearly show the connection between such oppression and the violently anti-Communist reactionaries."

Loren Miller, prominent Negro attorney, declared: "Until it is established by the courts that membership in any political party constitutes advocacy of the violent overthrow of the government, I will remain opposed to arrests made merely for the purpose of harassing individuals."

Rev. J. J. Hicks, Negro minister of St. John's Methodist Church in Watts, and chairman of the Independent Ministerial Association, declared he, too, was "alarmed" that the "hysterical urge for deportation that now is reaching into the ranks of the Negro people."

John Forrester, executive secretary of the National Negro Congress, said the Negro people will "strongly protest" the arrest.

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, Jan. 25.—A mass picket line led by the Michigan Communist Party marched before the U. S. Immigration offices here protesting the arrest of Claudia Jones, Negro woman leader, and Alex Bitelman, Jewish leader on the discredited grounds "they advocated overthrow of the government by force and violence."

## Realty Bonds

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Committee that Congress should take immediate steps to eliminate housing shortages for Negroes "by outlawing restrictive covenants and by declaring as unlawful restraints on trade all agreements between real estate agents, or rules or real estate associations, not to sell or rent property because of race or religion."

The NAACP also asked for Congressional action against segregation in federal housing projects, and that no federal aid be given private, city, or state developments that segregate tenants or would be purchasers.

We mourn the loss of our Dear co-worker, comrade and friend,

**JENNIE CORES**

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We mourn the death of Our Beloved Comrade

**JACKSON DE BOISS**

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## Foster

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ing now to stop the un-American attempt to outlaw the Communist Party."

The "registration" move is part of a campaign to force Universal Military Training on the people and to terrorize every minority group that fights the monopolies, the statement pointed out.

It is intended to kill the new political alignment against the Hoover-Truman program of war and oppression.

"Already," said Foster and Dennis, "the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas has declared that he will bar Henry Wallace from the ballot—on the ground that Wallace espouses policies advanced by the Communist Party. On this basis every progressive movement in the country could be outlawed."

"Many news commentators who oppose the Wallace presidential ticket and the third party movement see the danger and condemn this fascist attempt to prevent this broad people's peace party from challenging Wall Street's twin war parties in the 1948 elections."

Time will not wait in the fight to smash the anti-American conspiracy, said Foster and Dennis.

"The wrath of a truly aroused people must stop the Un-Americans now—while there is still freedom for mass action," they emphasized.

Rep. Nixon is planning to call a flock of hostile witnesses to his "registration" hearings Feb. 5.

"All trade unions, freedom-loving individuals and organizations of the people should demand the right to testify against any and all legislation proposed by the Un-American Committee," the Communist leaders declared.

## Indiana Rent Board OKs Hike

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 25 (FP).—Labor raised the only dissenting voice as the rent advisory board here gavelled through a 25 percent across-the-board rent increase recommendation demanded by real estate interests.

Despite the objections of Democratic Mayor A. Feeney, who described the proposed hike as a "hard blow" to tenants and "demoralizing to the community," the recommendation was rushed off to the office of the Housing Expediter in Washington. If approved, it will become effective with the expiration of rent control, Feb. 29.

The sole labor member of the advisory board, James Robb, regional director of the United Steel Workers, filed a minority report declaring the action was not based on evidence. The landlords, he said, "failed to show one income tax return to prove a decrease in income."

To now increase general rent levels by 25 percent would be gratifying to those (landlords) who already have received increases."

A public tenants' hearing was refused by the advisory board.

## Zion

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ican Jewish killed in Palestine by Arab bullets.

Eighteen organizations were represented at the meeting. Among them were Junior Hadassah, Hasomir-Hatzair, B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation, Jewish War Veterans, and the Jewish Education Committee.

Eli Kalm, member of the crew of the Exodus 1947, and Daniel Brisker, representatives in America of the Palestinian General Youth Organization, also addressed the meeting.

## Deportation

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the Sacco-Vanzetti case, the government opened a drive on non-citizens which broke up that union, deported my uncle and many other workers. It took many years to get a union started in that plant again."

### PREVENTED UNIONIZATION

The deportation drive also prevented unionization in the Cambridge Rubber Company plant during those years, he said.

"In 1928 the rubber workers went on strike. Most of them were alien and were trying to secure citizenship, but the judge refused to grant them their papers without an endorsement by the plant superintendent. Of course he wouldn't endorse them, if the workers were on strike, and thus they were forced back to the job."

Delegates discussed some 50 bills pending in Congress which they will ask their representatives to support. These measures would simplify naturalization procedure, eliminate racial provisions in naturalization laws, and grant citizenship to veterans of the armed forces and the merchant marine. They will ask defeat of another 20 bills intended to step up the deportation campaign.

Tomorrow morning will be spent by delegates in lobbying on Capitol Hill.

Messages of support have been received by the conference from Representative Adolph Sabath, (D-Ill.), and Rep. John Blatnik (D-Minn.).

## Jailed for Selling Italian Warship

TRIESTE, Italy, Jan. 25 (UP).—Police arrested Bruno Nidoldi, 29, today for selling a group of Milanese businessmen the sunken battleship Giulio Cesare.

Nidoldi took the businessmen to the port of Muggia here and showed them fake military government documents, according to police.

The businessmen paid him \$17,000 down.

## Burglars Hold Party

Burglars who broke into the offices of the Griffin Wellpoint Corporation not only took \$300 after ripping open a safe. They also went into the company's kitchen and helped themselves to soup, ham and eggs, coffee and a bottle of Scotch.

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## Leftover Yolks

Cover the leftover yolks of eggs with cold water and put them in the refrigerator. The first omelet or scrambled eggs that come along, add the left-over yolks and the water covering them and beat together. They always may be used for mayonnaise, cakes, etc., too, you know.

## Almost the Same

When you have no ice and require a cold cloth for a compress, try swinging a cloth wrung out of cold water briskly through the air. The rapid evaporation will give almost the same results as if wrung out of ice water.

## KITCHEN KUES

### QUICK MACARONI AND MEAT CASSEROLE

- 1 Package macaroni, cheese dinner
- 2 Tbsp. margarine
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 Cup evaporated milk and 1 cup water
- 1/2 Tsp. salt
- Speck of pepper
- 1 Lb. chopped meat

Cook macaroni according to directions on package, drain. Make a cream sauce with the margarine, flour and diluted evaporated milk. Add all but 2 tbsp. of the cheese that comes in the macaroni-cheese dinner package, salt and pepper. Season chopped meat, roll into balls. Combine macaroni, cream sauce and meat balls (reserve a few for top of casserole). Pour into a greased casserole. Arrange leftover meat balls on top. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake about 30 minutes in a moderate oven of 375 F.

### POACHED WHITING WITH PARSLEY GARNISH

Arrange the fish portioned, in greased shallow baking dish. Sprinkle top with thinly sliced onions, shredded carrots and chopped celery tops or leaves. Pour over about 2 cups of milk, enough to cover, salt lightly and bake in a moderate oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit) for about 25 to 30 minutes uncovered. Serve with chopped parsley as a garnish.

### COTTAGE CHEESE CAKE

- 1 Pkg. zwiebach
- 4 Tablespoons melted margarine
- 1 Lb. cottage cheese
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla
- 6 Tablespoons sugar
- 4 Tablespoons sifted flour
- 1/4 Teaspoon salt
- 4 Eggs, separated
- 1 Cup sour cream

Roll zwiebachs into crumbs, mix with melted margarine. Press crumbs on bottom of greased pan. Cream the cottage cheese with the vanilla, 2 tablespoons of the sugar, flour and salt. Cream until fluffy. Beat egg yolks, add to cheese mixture, beat thoroughly, then add sour cream. Mix together well. Beat egg whites almost stiff, add the remaining 4 tablespoons of sugar, whip until stiff. Fold into cheese mixture. Pour into the pan previously prepared, and bake for 1 1/2 hours in a slow oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit). Chill before removing from the pan.

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## MORNING

11:00—WNBC—Nora Drake  
 WJZ—Breakfast with Breneman  
 WOR—News; Prescott Robinson  
 WCRB—Arthur Godfrey  
 WNYC—At Your Command  
 WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger  
 11:15—WNBC—Katie's Daughter  
 WOR—Tello-Test  
 11:30—WNBC—Jack Berch  
 WOR—Heart's Desire  
 WJZ—Galen Drake  
 WCRB—Grand Slam  
 WNYC—BBC Newsreel  
 WQXR—Music for Viola  
 11:45—WNBC—Lora Lawton  
 WJZ—Ted Malone  
 WCRB—Rosemary  
 WQXR—Tom Scott

## AFTERNOON

12:00—WNBC—Rad Hall  
 WOR—Kate Smith  
 WJZ—Welcome Travelers  
 WCRB—Wendy Warren  
 WNYC—Midday Symphony  
 WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert  
 12:15—WNBC—Metropolitan News  
 WCRB—Aunt Jenny  
 12:30—WNBC—Brokenheart  
 WOR—News; Answer Man  
 WJZ—News; Nancy Craig  
 WCRB—Helen Trent  
 12:45—WCRB—Our Gal Sunday  
 1:00—WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride  
 WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's  
 WJZ—H. R. Baughage  
 WCRB—Big Sister  
 WNYC—String Music  
 WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
 1:15—WJZ—Nancy Craig  
 WCRB—Ma Perkins  
 1:30—WOR—Listener Reports  
 WJZ—Patti Barnes  
 WCRB—Dr. Malone  
 1:45—WNBC—Robert L. Ripley  
 WOR—Victor H. Lindiahl-Talk  
 WCRB—The Guiding Light-Sketch  
 2:00—WNBC—Today's Children  
 WOR—Queen for a Day  
 WNYC—Weather; City News  
 WQXR—News; Program Favorites  
 WJZ—Maggi McNeill  
 WCRB—Second Mrs. Burton  
 2:10—WNYC—Spotlight Varieties  
 2:15—WNBC—Woman in White  
 WCRB—Perry Mason  
 WQXR—Program Favorites  
 2:30—WNBC—Holly Sloan  
 WOR—Daily Dilemmas  
 WJZ—Bride and Groom  
 WCRB—Look Your Best  
 WNYC—Symphonic Matinee  
 WQXR—Curtain at 2:30  
 2:40—WNBC—Betty Crocker  
 2:45—WNBC—Light of the World  
 WCRB—Rose of My Dreams  
 WQXR—Musical Memory Game  
 3:00—WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
 WOR—Barbara Welles  
 WJZ—Ladies Be Seated  
 WCRB—Double or Nothing  
 WQXR—News; Recent Releases  
 3:15—WNBC—Ma Perkins  
 3:30—WNBC—Pepper Young  
 WOR—Song of the Stranger  
 WJZ—Paul Whiteman  
 WCRB—Art Linkletter  
 WNYC—United Nations  
 3:45—WNBC—Right to Happiness  
 WOR—Bob Reed  
 4:00—WNBC—Backstage Wife  
 WOR—Ladies Man  
 WCRB—Hint Hunt  
 WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee  
 4:15—WNBC—Stella Dallas  
 4:25—WCRB—News Reports  
 4:30—WNBC—Lorenzo Jones  
 WOR—Rambling With Gambling  
 WJZ—Treasury Band  
 WCRB—Galen Drake  
 4:45—WNBC—Young Wilder Brown  
 5:00—WNBC—When a Girl Marries  
 WOR—Hop Harrigan  
 WJZ—Dick Tracy  
 WCRB—School of the Air  
 WNYC—Disk Date  
 WQXR—News; Today in Music

5:15—WNBC—Portia Faces Life  
 WOR—Supergan  
 WJZ—Terry and Pirates  
 WQXR—Stan Freeman, Piano

5:30—WNBC—Just Plain Bill  
 WOR—Captain Midnight  
 WJZ—Sky King  
 WCRB—Winner Take All  
 WQXR—Cocktail Time

5:45—WNBC—Front Page Farrell  
 WOR—Tom Mix

## EVENING

6:00—WNBC—Kenneth Banghart  
 WOR—Lyle Van  
 WJZ—Joe Hazel  
 WCRB—Eric Sevareid  
 WNYC—Music by Young People  
 WQXR—News; Music to Remember

6:15—WNBC—Bill Stern  
 WOR—On the Century  
 WJZ—Ethel and Albert  
 WCRB—In My Opinion

6:30—WNBC—Milton Shrednik  
 WOR—Fred Vandeventer  
 WJZ—Allen Prescott  
 WCRB—Lum 'n' Abner  
 WNYC—Treasury Guest Star  
 WQXR—Dinner Concert

6:45—WNBC—Three Star Extra  
 WOR—Stan Lomax  
 WCRB—Lowell Thomas  
 WNYC—UN Summary

7:00—WNBC—Supper Club  
 WOR—Pulton Lewis Jr.  
 WJZ—Headline Edition  
 WCRB—Beulah  
 WNYC—Masterwork Hour  
 WQXR—News; Concert Stage

7:15—WNBC—News of the World  
 WOR—Answer Man  
 WJZ—Elmer Davis  
 WCRB—Jack Smith

7:30—WNBC—Patterns in Melody  
 WOR—Henry J. Taylor  
 WJZ—Lone Ranger  
 WCRB—Club 15  
 WQXR—Jacques Fray

7:45—WNBC—H. V. Kaltenborn  
 WOR—Bill Brandt  
 WCRB—Edward R. Murrow

8:00—WNBC—Cavalcade of America  
 WOR—The Falcon  
 WJZ—Point Sublime  
 WCRB—Inner Sanctum  
 WNYC—Velvet and Gold  
 WQXR—News; Symphony Hall

8:30—WNBC—Christopher Lynch  
 WOR—Charlie Chan  
 WJZ—Ole Cates  
 WCRB—Arthur Godfrey

8:45—WMCA—Bert Andrews  
 8:55—WCRB—Bill Henry  
 WOR—Billy Rose

9:00—WNBC—Lily Pons  
 WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
 WJZ—On Stage America  
 WQXR—News; Concert Hall  
 WCRB—Radio Theatre

9:15—WOR—Poems—A. L. Alexander  
 WNYC—Ira Standish

9:30—WNBC—Dr. I. Q.  
 WOR—High Adventure  
 WJZ—Sammy Kaye  
 WQXR—Design in Harmony

9:45—WNYC—News Reports  
 WQXR—Great Names

10:00—WNBC—Buddy Clark  
 WOR—Quiet, Please  
 WCRB—My Friend Irma  
 WQXR—News; Opera Preview  
 WJZ—This Is Adventure

10:30—WNBC—Fred Waring  
 WOR—Symphonette  
 WJZ—Earl Godwin  
 WCRB—Screen Guild Players  
 WQXR—Showcase

11:00—WNBC—WOR—News; Music  
 WJZ—WCRB—News; Music  
 WQXR—News; Symphony Hour

11:15—WCRB—Robert Q. Lewis  
 12:00—WNBC—WJZ—News; Music  
 WCRB—News; Music  
 WQXR—News Reports

## Life of the Party

Dennis Appeal Is to  
'Supreme Judgment of the People'

ON A HOT DAY last June, in sultry Washington, a jury of white and Negro citizens argued for more than five hours and took 12 separate votes before they

agreed to a conviction. It is doubtful if the last two Negro members would have given in, except that the trial judge intervened, advising that "the minority should re-examine the issues in an effort to see whether it couldn't decide with the majority."

But the true issues never reached the jury. They were not permitted to hear the real charges against those in contempt of democracy—the Rankin-Thomas Committee. It is impossible to secure a fair trial for a Communist or anti-fascist in the fear ridden capital of our nation, with its Jimcrow system and loyalty oaths, where the majority of people are government employees. Jurors are afraid for themselves. One Negro woman came from the jury room in tears.

Eugene Dennis was convicted in this atmosphere of "contempt of Congress," which meant actually contempt of the Un-American Committee, a contempt shared by millions of Americans. The appeal of Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, will be argued soon before the U. S. Court of Appeals in Washington. His attorneys, Mr. McCabe of Philadelphia and Mr. Dickerson of Chicago, will move to set aside the verdict and sentence of a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine (the maximum under the law) on valid legal grounds.

These were ably set forth in the brief to the lower court by a man who laid down his life fighting this case—our dear comrade and valiant veteran labor lawyer Joseph R. Brodsky.

WHEN EUGENE DENNIS, calm and unafraid, stood before Judge Pine for sentence on July 8, he made a brief statement "as an American and as a Communist." The Judge, busy with his papers, was soon listening attentively to this quiet spoken, firm young man as he reviewed the issues of his case.

"My liberty as an individual is dear to me. But more dear is the liberty of the whole American people," he said, "if need be, I shall appeal my case to the Supreme Court. At the same time I and my party will carry the real issues in this case to the court of public opinion for the supreme judgement of the people themselves."

By implication, the Judge offered Eugene Dennis a suspended sentence if he would go before the Un-American Committee and "purge himself of contempt." This he refused to do, as it would be an admission of guilt. His bail was raised to \$10,000.

WE COMMUNISTS are very proud of the steadfastness and courage of our General Secretary and particularly of the magnificent statements he made, which are his own best defense. We have distributed millions of copies of those statements throughout

the nation, to carry the struggle to the people.

"Let the People Know" is the full text of his statement on the Rankin, Sheppard bills, which the Un-American Committee refused to hear on March 26. It is in defense of "the inalienable right of Americans to be Communists." His letter to J. Parnell Thomas "I Challenge the Un-American," when he refused to appear on April 9, is a denial of the Committee's legality, an indictment of them as an unconstitutional thought-control body. It charges that Rankin is unlawfully seated in Congress and also on this Committee. This aspect of his fight has tremendous support among the Negro people, as a blow struck for their democratic rights.

POLITICAL CASES are never won by court arguments alone. The voice of the people must be heard. Every Communist must be especially alert to the determined effort of reaction to deprive us of the wise political leadership of our General Secretary, Eugene Dennis, in the stormy days ahead.

Let us redouble our mass efforts in his defense, demanding of Attorney General Tom Clark that this case be dropped; demanding the abolition of the Un-American Committee. Keep Eugene Dennis free, to fight for the liberty of the people.

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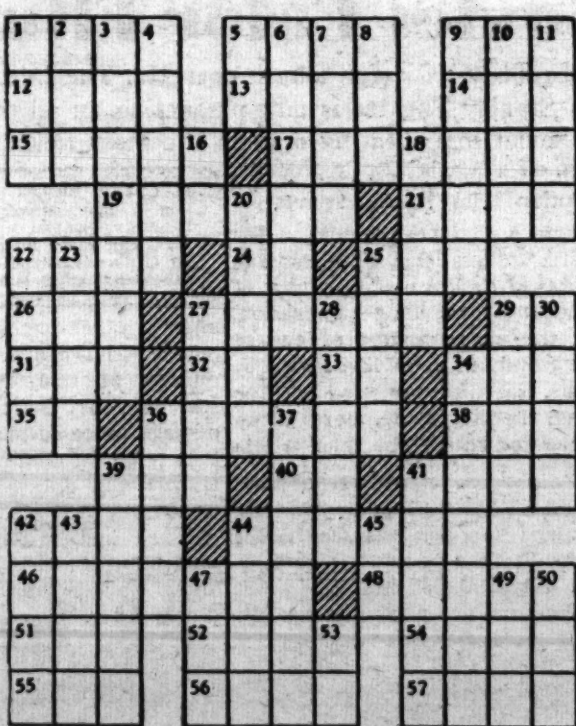
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## Crossword Puzzle

## HORIZONTAL

- 1-Festive
- 5-Salver
- 9-Ecclesiastical vestment
- 12-Lofty in style
- 13-State
- 14-Tibetan gazelle
- 15-Music; slow
- 17-Satire
- 19-Scandinavian country
- 21-Scraps
- 22-Malt beverage
- 24-Preposition
- 25-Wing
- 26-Insect
- 27-To infer
- 29-Archais
- 31-Encore!
- 32-Colloquial: elevated railway
- 33-Six
- 34-Song
- 35-Man's nickname
- 36-Skulked
- 38-Before
- 39-Color
- 40-Note of scale
- 41-To ward off
- 42-Ancient stringed instrument
- 44-To pursue
- 46-Perennial garden plant
- 48-To harangue
- 51-Dawn goddess
- 52-At hand
- 54-Woody plant
- 55-To place
- 56-To remove
- 57-Biblical garden



## Answer to Friday's Puzzle

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 ERA SCHOLARLY  
 GALILEO YIELD  
 LOONATAI  
 LION AGNI DAP  
 INN INSIDE NO  
 ASSORT MKNACE  
 MR DOLMAN RET  
 ARM NEIL MASS  
 FIL RA WEB  
 OILED SPANIEL  
 CONFORMED AWE  
 ABET KASE NET

- 1-To coagulate
- 2-Anthropoid
- 3-Small song-birds
- 4-Thespian
- 5-Note of scale
- 6-Companion-in-arms of Oliver
- 7-Absent
- 8-Sweet potato
- 9-Greek assembly
- 10-Plunder
- 11-Prohibits
- 12-Conjunction
- 13-Rod
- 14-To handle
- 15-Infant
- 16-Wife of Geraint
- 17-Sour
- 27-Heroic act
- 28-Pertaining to a part of the eye
- 29-Long, improbable tale
- 30-Watched
- 34-Shattered side
- 36-Plant not having a woody stem
- 37-World-wide
- 39-To stir up
- 41-Strong point
- 42-War god
- 43-Foot covering
- 44-At liberty
- 45-Seel
- 47-Mound
- 49-Golfer's mound
- 50-Poetic: nightfall
- 53-Note of scale



## Book Parade

'World Communism Today',  
A Phony 'Exposure'

By David Carpenter

**I**N *World Communism Today*, Martin Ebon has appointed himself chief lifter of the veil that covers the "conspiracy" of communism. In a brief foreword entitled "The Unknown," Ebon declares: "World communism has shrouded itself in mystery. It seems to work with mysterious and irresistible precision. Secrecy often guards weakness errors of judgment, internal intrigues, human frailties. By making a fetish of secrecy, communism has made itself look invulnerable."

To make his great "exposure," Ebon, a former reporter who is now

**WORLD COMMUNISM TODAY**, by Martin Ebon. W. W. Norton House, New York. \$4.50.

publications consultant for the Foreign Policy Association, employs the technique perfected by American newspapers—the technique of "objectivity," which surrounds press reports with an aura of authenticity, while slyly slanting the stories to fit the needs of the capitalist owners of our society.

But, despite his hullabaloo about revelations of the secrets of world communism, Ebon presents to his reader only such information as he has garnered from newspaper reports, public documents about the activities of the Communist Parties and gossip from "usually reliable sources." These "usually reliable sources" are in the main renegades from the Communist movement, who have sold out to the enemies of the working people, about whom Foster Rhea Dulles—no friend of communism himself—had to warn last week in a New York Times book review.

"The American people... must be on careful guard against accepting any interpretation of Soviet policy—or account of conditions within the USSR—which professes to give the secret revelations of a renegade from the Communist faith."

**A**ND what are the "secrets" that Ebon reveals in the first 429 pages of his book, which describe the Communist Parties in every country, imperialist colony and subjected nation in the world? Eliminating the snide gossip and "reliable sources," they are:

- The Communists organized to fight against the injustices inflicted upon the working class and the common people in the capitalist and capitalist-dominated countries.
- The Communists' ultimate objective is to abolish the capitalist system, which inflicts these injustices.
- The capitalist class and its agents have resisted these efforts by jailing, torturing and slaying many Communists and their allies among the common people.
- The Communists fight for national independence and freedom for subjugated peoples everywhere.
- The Communists were the best organizers and fighters for the Allies in the recent war against

Nazism, fascism and Japanese militarism.

• The Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which has already won its battle against internal capitalism, supports the efforts of the working class and common people of the capitalist world in their struggle for emancipation.

**D**ESPITE EBON'S CONSTANT HARPING on secret instructions from the Kremlin, agents manipulating phantasmagoric Communist Parties throughout the world and supposed skulduggery, the worst facts he can discover about the Communists are that they fight in the interests of the common people. Ebon, however, takes this espousal by the Communists of the interests of the common people as the most dangerous factor of all. Because, as he points out, the people have discovered that our present system does not offer the people either the economic, political or social security they seek. And, therefore, they are flocking to the banner of the Communist Party everywhere.

This is bad, Ebon declares, because the Communists cannot give them these securities. Ignoring the magnificent example of the Soviet Union and the tremendous steps forward taken by the Eastern European democracies under the leadership of their Communist Parties, Ebon tries to make it appear that communism is a modern cult which infects the people with a false religion of the future on earth.

Ebon's reason for thus presenting the Communist movement as a cult is to prove that the only great international force which can fight the Communist "religion" is the Catholic Church. He appeals to the Socialist parties of the world and to liberals to forget their "antagonism" to the church and join a coalition with the Catholic hierarchy in a worldwide struggle against communism.

**W**HILE OSTENSIBLY OPPOSED to the illegalization of the Communists, not because they have the right to propagate their program, but because illegalization can't stop them, Ebon proposes an ideological war against them.

Like so many anti-Communist liberals, he proposes to take communism away from the Communists. He realizes there is something wrong with our system, which makes people respond to communism. Therefore, the job for liberals, according to Ebon, is to present their own program in the interest of the people. And the program he proposes is basically the one Communists advance for their immediate objectives.

But Ebon must be naive, to put the best face on his aims, to believe that such a program can be achieved without the resistance of the ruling class, which will red-bait and cry communism against the anti-Communist liberals, too.

## Book Notes

**O**SCAR LEWIS, author of *Silver Kings* is now at work on a book tentatively titled *Sea Routes to the Gold Fields*, to be published by Alfred A. Knopf probably late in 1948. The subject—one which has engaged the author's interest for many years—has hitherto received scant attention from the historians, although the other half of the Gold Rush migration, that by land, has been treated in numerous books.

*Eagle Forgotten*, the life of John Peter Altgeld by Harry Barnard will be republished by Duell, Sloan and Pearce on March 5. Duell is also publisher of *The American*, by Howard Fast, a novel on the life of Altgeld.

## Hollywood:

### Lost Art Of Movie Title-ing

By David Platt

**H**OLLYWOOD trade journals report a growing demand on the part of exhibitors for shorter movie titles for posting on theatre marquees. Long titles like *Mourning Becomes Electra*, *The Senator Was Indiscreet*, *Treasure of Sierra Madre*, *Our Hearts Are Growing Up*, *Dick Tracy's Dilemma* just don't fit the average marquee, the exhibitors complain.

You'll forgive me if I fail to develop any passion for this problem. I'm just wondering, however, what the exhibitors would say if they had to handle this title: *How A French Nobleman Got A Wife Through the New York Herald Personal Column*. Believe it or not that's the title of a silent film made prior to World War I. It's part of a shipment of 100 early film subjects just received by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences from the Library of Congress. Photographed on paper rolls, these "primitive" pictures were sent to Hollywood for conversion to celluloid under the direction of Howard Walls, curator of the Academy's film collection. The shipment includes 50 films created by George Melies, father of the French movie industry, between 1896 and 1904.

In those days movie titles were clearly designed to convey the plot of the picture. Not so any more. *How A French Nobleman Got A Wife Through the New York Herald Personal Column*—probably the longest title on record—is typical of this lost art of titling to fit.

What have we got today to com-



pare with this group of "lulus" leased in 1916:

- *Love Laughs At Dyspepsia* (Universal).
- *Farmer Alfalfa's Tentless Circus* (Vitagraph).
- *Gaby's Gasoline Glide* (Universal).
- *From Altar to Halter* (Kalem).
- *Lucky Larry's Lady Love* (Falcon).
- *Stenographer's Strategy* (Kalem).
- *Bankruptcy of Boggs and Schultz* (Universal).
- *Love, Dynamite and Baseballs* (Vogue).
- *Otto The Reporter* (Lubin).
- *Oscar the Oyster Opener* (Mutual).
- *Bookworm's Blessed Blunder* (Beauty).
- *Freddy Fiddler's Finish* (Kalem).
- *Peterson's Pitiful Plight* (Falcon).

What color! What poetry! What depth of meaning! *Oscar the Oyster Opener*—there's a film we'd like to see. And *Farmer Alfalfa's Tentless Circus*. The best one we've left till last: *Lubin's Frilly Frilled*. Guess we'll never know what that one was about.

**O**UT IN LOS ANGELES. The *Roosevelt Story* has been paired with a stinker called *Dragnet*, about a "woman wanted by the police of two continents." Her crime: "The most vicious of the seven deadly sins." Perhaps worse than the picture are the newspaper ads which are worded in such a way that the reader's first quick impression is that *Roosevelt* is "wanted by the police."

## Today's Film:

### 'Sierra Madre' Excellent Movie

By Herb Tank

**T**HE STRAND has a good movie in *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*. It is a picture of sweeping action, sweat and dust, and irony. Chief credit, I think, belongs to the



HUMPHREY BOGART, Walter Huston and Tim Holt in 'Treasure of Sierra Madre' at the Strand.

film's director, John Huston, who also scripted. His screenplay is a tight narrative, well developed, with sharply drawn characters.

Adapted from the novel by B. Traven *Treasure of the Sierra Madre* tells the story of three beat-up characters who make their way

game, it brings the discovery of the hard, tough, labor that it takes to mine the glitter stuff. Gold makes the three friends bitter enemies and forces the film's plot along a path of hard, grim logic.

**T**HE PRODUCTION is first-rate throughout. Scripting, lensing, the direction and the performances, are all of a calibre that can make this reviewer pretty excited. Humphrey Bogart, as a guy who starts out as a rat and gets worse as he goes along, turns in the best job we've ever seen him do. Walter Huston, the director's father, portrays an old character of a prospector, with vigor and tremendous skill. All along the line the cast presents vivid portrayals. Alfonso Bedoya turns in a particularly effective job as a Mexican bandit.

John Huston, the man who made *The Maltese Falcon* and *San Pietro* has made another first-rate film.

## Stanley Features Soviet Color Films

**F**EATURING a full length operetta, *The Lucky Bride*, the Stanley Theatre is now presenting an all color program of Soviet films. In my opinion the most fascinating film of

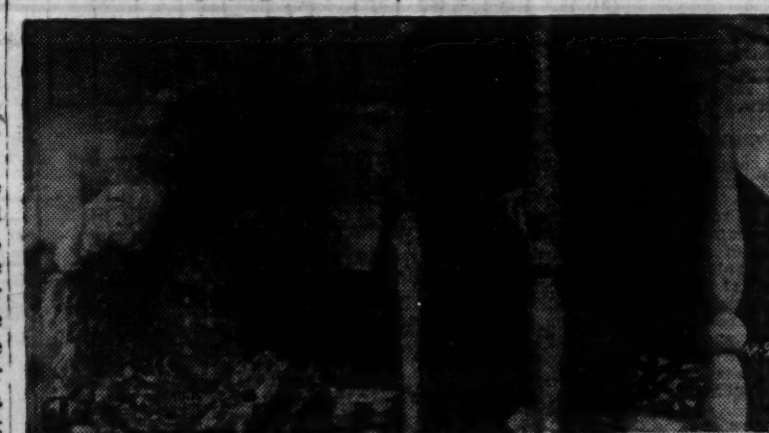
them all was a brilliantly produced scientific film called *Secrets of Nature*. A first prize winner at the Venice International Film Festival, *Secrets of Nature* uses a number of techniques including animation, and the photographing of change and growth in plant life, frame by frame, so that projected on the screen the life process moves at an accelerated speed. The color is terrific.

**T**HE FEATURE item on the Stanley's all color program is *The Lucky Bride*, a costume musical. It tells a typical operetta tale about two soldiers, one playing it straight

**THE LUCKY BRIDE**. Story and direction by Igor Savchenko. Produced by Mosfilm Studios. With Makolm Shtraukh, Elena Shvetsova, and Nikolai Gritsenko. At the Stanley. Soviet film with English titles.

and the other for comedy, who are out to win two maids. There are a number of complex obstacles in the way, but somehow, they all manage to be surmounted. A film that relies on charm and a sort of Gilbert and Sullivan like whimsy, *The Lucky Bride*, has been given a polished and technically excellent production, with good performances, well costumed and extraordinary color.

—H. T.



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# Around the Dial

Dr. Joshua Liebman Discusses  
Peace of Mind in the Atomic Age

By Bob Lauter

**WOULD YOU** like peace of mind in this atomic age? Just ignore the whole damn thing! That, at least, is the inevitable conclusion to be drawn from the question, "How Can We Find Peace of Mind in This Atomic Age?" as discussed last Tuesday on America's Town Meeting (WJZ-ABC, 8:30 p.m.). The speakers were Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman, author of that best-seller, "Peace of Mind," and Dr. George D. Stoddard, President of the University of Illinois.

Dr. Liebman, who supports Cord Meyer, Jr.'s fanciful concepts of a world government, believes that the main trouble with the world lies within each of us as individuals. We carry our infantile memories and conflicts into adult life. We must "grow up" emotionally. "You and I," said Dr. Liebman, "have to cease being ruthlessly competitive adolescents."

This is essentially the type of religion-plus-psychology which Msgr. Sheehan is currently peddling on the air waves. C. E. Wilson and Joe Blow, the auto worker, are both "ruthlessly competitive adolescents." You and John Foster Dulles have not reconciled yourselves with your infancy.

Dr. Liebman is putting forward a purely middle-class philosophy, designed to give people "peace of mind" by fostering the illusion that the class structure of society has nothing to do with world problems. It is the current American version of the "God-seekers" of old Russia for whom mysticism provided an escape from reality.

If I am not mistaken, Dr. Liebman performed a rare feat in completely omitting mention of atomic energy, atomic bombs, or the atomic stockpile in his discussion of peace of mind in the atomic age.

Dr. Stoddard, who was supposed to defend "the other side," pursued the same line. Peace of mind is an individual psychological problem, and is achieved by reconciliation with, rather than struggle against society. For those who believe that free enterprise is the



INGRID BERGMAN and Joseph Cotten co-starring in the radio version of "Notorious" on WCBs tonight at 9 p.m. . . .

best possible of all worlds, he quoted this amazing statistic: "Fifty percent of all beds (hospital) in the United States are occupied by mental patients."

In the discussion, Dr. Liebman suggested that "experts in the field of social motivation" should sit in on peace conferences. I wonder if he ever heard of the profit motivation, and if he needs a psychiatrist to discover its operation in society?

A new gimmick made its appearance in this program. The moderator laid down a rule that no political questions would be entertained. None were—except one accusing the Soviet Union of disrupting peace of mind by its "war policy."

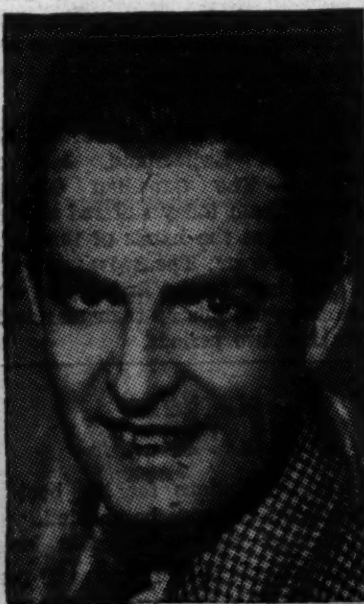
MILTON BERLE (Tuesday, 8 p.m., WNBC) asked whether President Truman should raise his 40-billion dollar budget by taxing the people—or whether he should get it back from General Meyers. All the radio jokes on grain speculators, General Meyers, and similar subjects, point to a curious social phenomenon: the extent to which people take for granted crookedness and illicit dealings in high places. A lot of this kidding syphons off what would otherwise be a healthy indignation.

I'VE BEEN ADVISED against saying this publicly, but I still think that Abbott and Costello have one of the funniest shows on the air. Those of you who have been scared off by some of their bad movies ought to try them out on the air. WJZ, Wednesday, 9 p.m.

(For radio listings see Page 11.)



LILY PONS, Metropolitan soprano, performs on WNBC tonight at 8.



FRED WARING puts his famous band through the paces on WNBC tonight at 10:30.

## On Stage

# Audience Hisses Villain at City Center's 'Angel Street'

By Lee Newton

**THE** City Center revival of *Angel Street* by Patrick Hamilton, as directed by Richard Barr, doesn't take itself very seriously—and neither does the audience. Before the evening was over, the crowd was cheerfully hissing the appearances of villain Jose Ferrer and had settled down to enjoy

what was presented as a "Victorian Thriller" on its own terms.

The director, Jose Ferrer, and Richard Whorf chose to ignore the fact that *Angel Street* was originally presented as a "taut psychological" study of a man deliberately driving his wife insane. Perhaps it was a wise thing to do. The original *Angel Street* theme has oc-

**ANGEL STREET.** A revival of the three act play by Patrick Hamilton. Presented by The City Center of Music and Drama at the City Center Theatre. Directed by Richard Barr. Settings and lighting by Herbert Brodtkin. Costume Director, Emeline Roche. Mrs. Manningham . . . Uta Hagen. Mr. Manningham . . . Jose Ferrer. Nancy . . . Phyllis Hill. Elizabeth . . . Nan McFarland. Rough . . . Richard Whorf. Two Policemen . . . Victor Thorley, Ralph Roberts.

curred so often on stage and screen it's become a cliché. However, they evidently forgot to inform Miss Uta Hagen that this production was to be straight melodrama for what happened was that while Miss Hagen was working hard playing her role of the tortured wife straight, Ferrer and Whorf (as the detective) seemed to be having a wonderful time hamming it up all over the place while Miss Hagen was suffering the tortures of the damned.

IT WAS a tribute to Miss Hagen's skill that the audience was able to take her seriously against the melodramatic background. Jose Ferrer, on the other hand, stalked around ominously with the greatest of poise and self-assurance, and



UTA HAGEN has cause to look haggard in Jose Ferrer's arms. He means her no good in the revival of 'Angel Street' now at the City Center Theatre.

went through the business of carefully pulling his gloves on or off as time stood still waiting for his next dastardly villainy. Mr. Whorf was amiable and good-natured about folling Mr. Ferrer, and was able to save Miss Hagen from her husband's murderous designs with

remarkably little effort for an aged, retired and eccentric detective. Phyllis Hill was pertly effective as the maid taunting Miss Hagen with her amorous and reciprocated feelings toward Mr. Ferrer. And that's about all there was to this *Angel Street*.

## Art Notes

**THE WAR IS NOT** over for David Fredenthal and the children who bear its brutal heritage are the subjects of his latest paintings at the Downtown Gallery, 32 E. 51 St. His little people are delineated with fierce angularity and color in their scrounging, playing, and salvaging a piece of childhood from the ashes of war's aftermath. Mr. Fredenthal works with sympathy and force; yet it is his lack of visual pace and inordinate virtuosity that blocks his message.

**CARL HOLTY CONTINUES** in his movement away from the completely abstract in his current exhibition at the Kootz Gallery, 15 E. 57 St. The postery brittleness of last year's show has been somewhat dissipated by newer color subtleties and relationships. Holty's juxtaposition of color patches in constructing his forms sometimes has exciting results. On other occasions his color is so dulcet that his canvases become sickeningly pretty.

—ADAM B. CARTER

**THE STUDENT** Section of Manhattan County Communist Party has arranged an exhibition of paintings, etchings, drawings and sculpture at the Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13 St. N. Y. All items on display were donated by members, many of whom have exhibited in uptown galleries and museums. The exhibit will run until Jan. 31. All articles are for sale; the entire proceeds to go to the Communist Party fund drive.

An exhibition of painting by Sylvia Laks and Michael Lewis is now open to the public at the Charles-Fourth Gallery, 51 Charles St.

Sylvia Laks, an ex-kindergarten teacher, became more interested in sketching her charges than teaching them. After being in the WACs from 1943 to 1945, she went to art school on the G. I. Bill of Rights. She is at present in the Hoffman School of Art, Michael Lewis, though he had no formal art school training, was under the tutelage of George Biddle when he was at Het-

sian Hills elementary school at Croton. Later he worked with I. Rice Pereira, and, for a short while with, Vaclav Vitlacyl. Since 1939, he has been engaged in display work except for a four year period in the Army Air Force from 1941-1945.

The show will run through February 12. Gallery hours are 3 to 6 p. m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday—and 4 to 10 p. m. on Friday.

The Associated American Artists are now having an exhibition of landscapes, still lifes and figure paintings by Arbit Blatas at the AAA Galleries, 711 Fifth Ave.

Stella Buchwald is now having an exhibition of painting at the Norlyst Gallery, 59 W. 56 St. Through Jan. 31.

The development of an illustration from idea to the printed reproduction is the central theme of an exhibit of magazine art prepared by the American Weekly and being displayed today through February 8 in the Fifth Avenue Corridor of The New York Public Library, Fifth Ave. and 42nd St.

The actual steps in the creation of an illustration are shown, from the selection of the pictorial theme and the artist's first rough sketches to the final full-color reproduction in the magazine.

The original paintings and drawings on display represent the work of today's top-flight artists. The exhibit, entitled "The Birth of a Magazine Illustration," is open daily from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m., Sunday from 1 p. m. to 10 p. m.

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# Explaining the Winter Olympics

Norway Won the Last One

THE WORLD'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONS in 23 sports events will be decided in the Winter Olympic Games which open at St. Moritz next Friday and continue through Feb. 8.

There will be competition in six sports—skiing, skating, bob sledging, hockey, military patrol and pentathlon. Only the first four are listed in the category of major Olympic events, however, with the Military Patrol and Pentathlon considered only partly winter sports.

While there will be individual or group championships in each of the 23 events on the program, there is no recognized team championship as such. However, the nation which receives the most points on the basis of 10 points for a first place, five for second, four a third, three for a fourth, two for a fifth and one for a sixth is unofficially designated as the champion.

In the 1936 winter Olympic games at Lake Placid, for instance, Norway was considered the winner for its seven first places, five seconds, three thirds, three fourths, one fifth and three sixths gave her a total of 121 points. Germany was second, Sweden third, Finland fourth, Austria fifth and the United States and Great Britain tied for sixth.

It is the same system which is followed in the summer Olympics which are to be held at London July 29 through Aug. 14.

There will be 10 events in skiing—the 50-kilometer (31.1 miles) langlauf or cross country; the 18-kilometer (11.2 miles) langlauf; jumping; Nordic combined; men's and women's downhill; men's and women's slalom; Alpine combined and the four-man relay of four laps over a 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) course.

## Four Events for Women

SKATING HAS SEVEN events, four speed skating and three figure competitions. The speed skating comprises the 500-meter (546.3 yards) dash, 1,500-meters (119.6 yards less than a mile); the 5,000-meter (3.1 miles); and the 10,000-Meter (6.2 miles). Figure skating has three classes—men's, women's and pairs.

The two sking and two figure skating competitions are the only events for women on the Olympic program.

Both the four-man and two-man bob teams will run on the mile long Olympic course here. The cresta or one-man bob competition, which is new to the Winter Olympics this year, will be held on a separate run which nearly parallels the bob course.

The hockey part of the games is clouded by the United States issue of whether the United States Olympic Committee team or the Amateur Hockey Association team shall be accepted as that country's official representative. The AHA team already has been accepted by the Swiss Organizing Committee, but the U. S. Olympic Committee has voted to withdraw all its competitors from the games if the AHA team is allowed to compete. The issue probably will be settled here at a meeting of the International Hockey governing body next week.

The Pentathlon is a five-in-one test of all-around skill. Each competitor must participate in all five events—fencing, a modified steeplechase, shooting, downhill sking and cross-country sking.

## Skiers Race Against Time

THE SKI EVENTS are all run against time, except for jumping. That means each competitor begins alone and is on the course at least one minute before the next racer begins. In the fast slalom race, only one competitor is on the course at a time. In the downhill race, three others will have started by the time the first man off reaches the finish line. In the cross country race, a race of at least 54 minutes, there will be a fair amount of passing on the course despite the one-minute intervals of the starters. Passing in the downhill is possible, but unlikely since the best skiers will race first.

The two combined events are always confusing to non-skiers. Nordic combined is also called the Langlauf-jumping combined while the Alpine combined also is known as the downhill-slalom. Each combined event consists of two entirely separate competitions. In the Nordic Combined, the racer jumps on one day and runs cross-country on another day. Both count equally and the man with the highest total score wins. Likewise, in the Alpine Combined, the winner is the man with the best total time for downhill and slalom.

Skiing is the most popular of the Winter Olympics. The downhill has attracted entries from 28 nations as have the Slalom and Alpine Combined. Only 13 nations entered the Nordic Combined; 14 are to compete in jumping, 17 in the 18-kilometer langlauf, 11 in the 50-kilometer and 15 in the four-man relay.

Sixteen nations entered speed skating; 13 entered the women's and pair figure skating events and 11 the men's figure skating.

The bob-sledding competition has drawn 11 nations, hockey 10 (counting only one U. S. team), the military patrol nine and the pentathlon eight. Because it is new to the competition the Cresta attracted only seven nations.

# Walcott's Promoter Conferring With Jacobs

Felix Bocchicchio arrived in Miami last night for conferences with Mike Jacobs about the June title fight between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott.

Bocchicchio, though not Walcott's manager, has an exclusive

promoter's contract on the Camden challenger's services.

When Bocchicchio entrained for Miami, he told reporters that there would be no June return bout between Louis and Walcott unless Walcott received 30 percent of the net from all receipts—including

gate, radio, television, and movies.

Louis already has signed for a June defense at New York Yankee Stadium. Under the contract he will receive 40 percent of the net. Walcott has been offered 20 percent. Joe Webster, Walcott's manager, has empowered Bocchicchio to com-

plete negotiations for the bout if Walcott's demands be granted.

Webster and Bocchicchio insist that Walcott should receive 30 percent because of the close fight he gave Louis at New York in December.

## AS RICKEY, ROBINSON HELD FIRST SALARY CONFAB



DODGER PREXY Branch Rickey and star first baseman Jackie Robinson met last week in Chicago to talk over Jackie's 1948 salary. Robby got \$5,500 last year. For a discussion of player's contracts in general and Jackie's in particular, see "On the Scoreboard."

# NYU-B'klyn Cap Lean Court Week

It's a lean basketball week coming up, with the major local event pitting Brooklyn's tall, erratic young team against unbeaten NYU Friday night at the Armory. The

Violets, with some of the overconfidence knocked out of them by Colgate's close call, and nine days of rest to get over the slight appearance of staleness, should be too much for Brooklyn, as usual, but Al Baggett's fast breakers may put on a pretty good show.

Two tourney possibilities, one of them unbeaten, were upended Saturday night. At Philly, Temple beat La Salle, which had gone along without loss. The victory qualifies four times beaten Temple as a special kind of giant-killer, the Philadelphians having previously hung the only defeat on mighty Kentucky. Something for NYU to worry about when the Violet comes to Convention Hall for a return game with Temple, which is sure to be .vengeful .after .falling .apart against the New Yorkers in the Garden.

Out West oft beaten Utah began to jell and trimmed Wyoming, which latter has been considered the likely NCAA candidate from the Rocky district.

Western Kentucky, a tourney certainty, swapped a lot of race horse basketball with St. Josephs in Philly before turning on the heat and pulling away 84-73. Unhampered by a zone, they will play spectacular spectator ball.

Major unbeaten are now down to NYU, Duquesne, Columbia and Fordham. The latter two don't have the topnotch intersectional schedules of many others. Fordham still has its trouble ahead, with Syracuse away, CCNY, St. Johns and NYU slated to be played. Duquesne's lone Garden appearance will show the Pittsburgh team against LIU.

In the Big Nine, Illinois walloped defending champions Wisconsin 57-36, a margin indicating trouble for the still leading Badgers.

Holy Cross, in full cry now, went down to Yale, held the great Lavell to 15 and using lots of subs won as it pleased 56-44.

THE PRO KNICKS, after whipping Boston Friday night to take

## BEGOVICH IDEAS TO GET TEST

The ideas for slowing down and improving the game suggested by referee Matty Begovich will be tested Friday afternoon in a full game scrimmage between Columbia and Manhattan. The referee will handle the ball after each goal, will use an optional delayed whistle on calling fouls to see if it prevented a score, will let the team fouled keep possession after shooting its foul and count one point for a tap in basket. Coaches, officials and writers will be the only spectators at the 69th Armory for this experiment.

the Eastern lead, fell on their faces at home again, losing to Baltimore at the Armory Saturday night. In both games however Sid Tannenbaum was the high scorer and showed he is over his local opening shakes and a big factor from here in.

## Riccio vs. Kapilow At St. Nick Tonite

Tony Riccio, of Bayonne, N. J., and Danny Kapilow, Brooklyn, welterweights, are the principals in the headline event of ten rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena tonight.

This is the first of two boxing shows this week. On Friday night, at Madison Square Garden, Jackie Cranford, Washington, D.C., heavyweight, faces Gino Buonvino, Bari, Italy, in a ten-round; with Terry Young and Paddy DeMarco, local lightweight rivals, meeting in a second feature.

## Swiss Beat Canadians

BASEL, Switzerland, Jan. 25 (UP).—The Canadian Olympic hockey team today suffered an 8 to 5 defeat at the hands of the Swiss National team. The Swiss grabbed a 3 to 2 lead in the first period and continue dto pile up their margin in the last two periods.

# McKeever New Rocket Coach

CHICAGO, Jan. 25 (UP).—Ed McKeever, who resigned yesterday as University of San Francisco football coach, has signed a three-year contract to coach the Chicago Rockets of the All-America Conference, it was announced today.

R. Edward Garn, Rocket's general manager who made the announcement, did not disclose salary terms but it was reported that McKeever would receive \$15,000 a year. McKeever's salary at San Francisco was reported to have been \$8,500.

McKeever, in a statement sent here from San Francisco, said that he was happy to have the opportunity to coach the Rockets.

"I believe the team has a great future or I would not have accepted the job," he said. "We are planning to line up a strong group of new talent."

He said that "on paper" the team has "the finest backs in football," including Angelo Bertelli, former Notre Dame star; Elroy Mirsch, of Wisconsin; Bill Daley, of Minnesota, and Ray Ramsey of Bradley University.

McKeever is regarded highly as a developer of forward passers, his students including such stars as Bertelli and Johnny Lujack.

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# On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



## Contracts Are News Topics

THE SIGNINGS OF BASEBALL PLAYERS and the amount of their salaries have always made big winter headlines on the sport pages. Contracts expire at the end of every season and while the baseball reserve clause makes it impossible for a ballplayer to sell his services to the highest bidder, he has the theoretical right to bargain with his own club.

We say theoretical because when you come down to it the club that "owns" a player has the whip hand. If a player fails to sign with the team to which he "belongs," he cannot sign with any other team and has to stay out of organized baseball. This last hasn't happened since 1920, when Cincinnati star Ed Roush amazed everyone by sticking to his holdout for a full season.

The fact that the stars almost always do sign up after the most bitter and protracted holdouts is actually due less to their bargaining power than to the obvious fact that baseball is their livelihood and they can't afford the luxury of not playing. Baseball being the peculiarly public sort of game it is, however, stars have often won considerable advances over the magnates' original offers by waging a public campaign for more dough. The owner has to make a slight appearance of fairness in the gaze of the millions who pay the freight.

There has been an appearance of great generosity in some of the early signings of big name stars this winter. But calm your fears for the financial solvency of the magnates involved. Baseball has just gone through the most profitable two years of its existence. And need it be said that a thousand dollars in salary doesn't buy what a thousand used to.

## Veck Makes the Big Admission

AT LEAST ONE magnate, Cleveland's forthright and in many ways forward looking Bill Veck, said bluntly what I can't recall any of the others ever admitted. After signing Bob Feller for the biggest gross amount in baseball history he commented casually that Feller would bring that sum back through the box office in a hurry and was actually worth more. This is at least a pleasant contrast to the usual moaning and wailing of "hold up," "endangering our financial structure," "where is this thing to stop," etc.

Our own beloved Brooklyn Dodgers haven't received their contracts yet. Branch Rickey, a canny business man, has it figured to a science. His idea is that if he waits till the last possible moment the players will be already spring-training conscious and itching to get started, and hence less disposed to hem and haw and bargain.

It may be that the Dodgers will sign quickly and happily. But so far there has been one brief skirmish, involving Jackie Robinson, and nothing was decided.

Now the case of Robinson is going to inevitably attract a lot of attention because of the fact that he is the first Negro to ever play big league ball, so it may be worth a little discussion.

One sports columnist in this town has already intimated that Jackie has to be more careful and less demanding than other ball players, just because he is not white. This, of course, is one hell of a note.

## Jackie Was Not Exactly Overpaid

ROBINSON DREW DOWN \$5,500 in salary last year. The newly established minimum (conceded in '45 by the owners to stave off the threat of unionism) is \$5,000, so Jackie was obviously not overpaid for his year's effort as "Rookie of the Year" and key figure in a super profitable, pennant winning campaign.

It must be explained in this connection that a ballplayer actually signs a new contract on the basis of his last year's performance. Robinson's arguing points for his 1948 contract are his 1947 accomplishments, as there is no better way to figure what he WILL do in the coming season. So the minimum salary for last year was not actually outlandish as such, as it was drawn up before he ever was tested in the big leagues. This, however, did not rule out an extra fat bonus being tacked onto his 1947 figure at season's end on the basis of what he actually produced.

Magnates don't do such things. And that's why Robinson will ignore the "advice" of the aforementioned columnist to take what he gets quietly, and will press his case just as vigorously as all other stars.

He has quite a case to press. Shifted to a totally new, difficult position, he made good with a bang. At bat he led the team in runs scored, total hits and stolen bases, and led the league in that latter. Burt Shotton readily admits that the Dodgers couldn't have won the pennant without him.

The Dodgers broke all previous records for home attendance in 1947 with 1,807,562. Robinson had something to do with that. But the Dodgers, with any kind of winning team, have traditionally topped the attendance figures in Brooklyn. Much more impressive as a socko arguing point for Robinson is the record attendance the Dodgers pulled on the road, 1,863,542. In every city normal crowds were doubled or more by fans anxious to see Robinson in action. The Dodgers take home a percentage cut of road attendance.

Brooklyn, it should be recalled, got Jackie practically for nothing as there was no competition for Negro players. Thus he was denied (which was not Rickey's fault but certainly to his advantage) the big bonuses promising unattached young stars extract from big league clubs bidding for their services. For example, one Joe Tepsic got over 15 grand from Rickey for signing with the Dodgers and becoming Brooklyn property, and has hardly been a ball of fire.

Another angle is the fact that Jackie plays hard and daring baseball, which is part of his tremendous crowd appeal and his great all round value. Because of his speed he is expected to go for the extra base every time and this means more long and jarring slides than the ordinary baserunner makes. The possibility of career-terminating injury always exists in daring baserunning, though it must be said that Jackie proved himself the most durable of the Dodgers over the '47 race, missing but three of the 154 games.

It may sound presumptuous to offer an estimated fair figure, but they all do it, and Robinson, no more than Rickey, hardly uses the "Scoreboard" as his negotiating guide. That bit of apology out of the way, I would say without any hesitation that anything less than \$15,000 would be the biggest bidup since the heyday of Dillinger.

## ON LUJACK'S \$\$\$ MIZE'S AWARD

Best guess on Saturday's signing figure for Notre Dame stars Johnny Lujack and George Connor were: \$20,000 for Lujack per year for four years with a five thousand bonus just for signing. Fifteen thousand for Connor. The acquisition of the two stars by the Bears continues the trend of the National League to outbid the All-American Conference for top name stars.

Johnny Mize's award by the New York writers as "Player of the Year" to be honored along with Bucky Harris will be well received by fans. For Big John, with his 51 homers and terrific all-league slugging was the prime factor in moving the Giants from the cellar to a surprising fourth place finish, and was many fans' idea of the league's "Most Valuable."

## J. B. Ends 125 Unbeaten String

The experienced champions were too much for the young sensations of the Labor Sports Federation race, so the Furriers Joint Board pulled away from the spirited

## PCL Set to Fite On Draft Prices

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (UP).—Club owners of the Pacific Coast League gathered here today for a session that may issue a defy to the major leagues and cause the first big breach in baseball in a quarter of a century.

Major item on the agenda when the gathering opens tomorrow will be a proposal of Charles H. Graham, president of the San Francisco Seals, that the Coast league demand an "arbitrated price" on every player drafted by the majors from the PCL.

"Some players that now go for the regulation \$10,000 in the draft—such as our Ferris Falm at the close of the 1946 season—should bring \$50,000 on the market," says Graham.

"I want to put a stop to the draining off of our talent at such minute prices as \$10,000. I would have paid the Philadelphia Athletics \$10,000 NOT to draft Falm."

## HOW THEY FIGURE Favor Norway Site; U. S. Tops In Bobsleigh

Due to the long absence of competition, many of the Winter Olympic entries are relatively unknown. However, here are some of the prospective winners. Norway is favored for the unofficial team title.

SKIING—Norwegians have always won the jumping, most spectacular event on the whole Winter Olympic program. Sweden favored in long distance and cross country events.

HOCKEY—Czechoslovakia the powerhouse here, sure to repeat on form shown since war ended.

FIGURE SKATING—Dick Button of Englewood, N. J. now favored to bring the men's title to USA, with closest competition figured from Han Gerschwiler of Switzerland. Barbara Ann Scott of Canada odds on favorite in the women's event.

SPEED SKATING—Not clearly established. Some American entries have good chance in 5,000 meters, our best distance. Norwegians, Finns Swedes and Americans in that order, for the longer distances.

BOBSLEIGH—Americans, with Swiss rated chance.

# Karver vs. Dodds Now Mile Natural

A promoter's dream pitting Gil Dodds against Gerald Karver was the Wanamaker Mile's fare as the indoor track season hit its peak. Karver, the Penn State National Inter-collegiate champ, won the mile in the Philadelphia Inquirer meet Friday.

Dodds, the wing-footed Parson, won the mile in the Knights of Columbus meet at Boston Saturday with a 4.084 performance, and nobody within 50 yards.

So it was only natural that the two should clash in the Millrose games at Madison Square Garden this Saturday.

Karver, by virtue of his victory

with a last-lap spurt at Philadelphia, established himself as the top threat to Dodds' supremacy on the boards, a supremacy reminiscent of the days Glenn Cunningham was bowling 'em over with his smooth-striding finishes.

It's true that Karver's winning time of 4:16.3 was a full two seconds off the Les MacMittell's clocking at Philadelphia last year and doesn't compare too favorably with Dodds' record-breaking time at Boston. Nevertheless, the Penn Stater represents the new and Dodds' in his last year of competition, represents the old. That's always good stuff.

For Dodds, the effort Saturday night marks a try for his third consecutive victory in the Wanamaker. Gil couldn't make the grade in 1943, but did so in 1944 and again in 1947.

Bo Richards, headed straight for the Olympic team, headlines the field event entry list in the Millrose games. Richards set new met records in both the Philadelphia and Boston competitions over the week-end.

He did 14 feet 3 inches at Philly and then went three inches better at Boston—14 feet 6 inches. Through all of the week-end's competition, the one unhappy note was the failure of Les MacMittell's comeback.

You still can't count the New York A. C. distance man as a lost cause, but he didn't have the stuff to match Karver's last-lap kick in the Inquirer meet. MacMittell did not compete at Boston.

He had a poor season last year, but seemed to be headed back up the ladder when he took the mile two weeks ago in the Metropolitan AAU championships in New York.

However, there was talk today that MacMittell still would be handed an invitation to run in the Wanamaker Saturday.

## Entries, Selections

### Hialeah Entries

Hialeah Park entries for Monday, Jan. 26. Cloudy and good. Post 2 p.m. EST. FIRST—3 furlongs; maiden 2-year-olds; \$3000. Eternal Dream .117 Charmed Prince .117 Mop Up .117 b-Fugitive .117 Belle .113 Bolo Runaway .114 a-Talina .117 Insist .117 c-Crafty .112 Major Kay .117 c-Lucky Josey .112 a-Two G's .117 Wingy .117 b-Rouser .117 Kind Son .117 c-Braggadocio .117 Holly Ridge .114 a-Bryson entry; b-Chrysler Jr. entry; c-Freedman entry.

SECOND—7 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$3000. Second Attempt .124 c-Cordon .119 Offenbach .124 Wise Tiger .113 Star Call .106 Richmond Boy .119 Poochanelli .114 Matie Brown .108 Sis Boom Bas .116 Plaidloch .113 Big Kay .118 Tom Ferris .116 Leslinan .116 Judge Davey .118 Petrosie Girl .113 Buisel .113

THIRD—6 furlongs; maiden 3-year-olds; \$3000. a-Nickel .118 Alonary .113 Shellback .116 Barrage .116 Easy Pris .113 Sunaway .113 Bole Bunny .113 Emille Strauss .108 Sagittaire .118 Liza Lee .108 Micky Q .118 Dabster .118 Willing Hand .113 Elated .108 Chatter Maid .108 a-Quick Reply .113 a-Mrs. Wychfield-Mrs. Stewart entry.

FOURTH—7 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$3000. Fast Freight .119 a-Crack Time .113 a-Rippon Moose .118 Mr. Chap .124 Arab's Fancy .111 Thorobelle .118 Monfalon .108 Mibob .118 Colorset .118 Rocky Play .118 Jhansi .112 Valdina Clown .118 Port Mars .118 Ned Canon .118 a-Anderson-Kel-Brand Stable entry.

FIFTH—1 1/16 miles on turf; allowances; 3-year-olds; \$4000. Gee Tee Gee .114 Beausy .104 Sunday Beau .114 Dust Screen .114 Little Cassino .101 Activity .101 Three Rings .114 Approval .111

SIXTH—1 1/8 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds; \$3000. Queens Chance .109 Awashenka .114 Duchess Argyle .117 Billies Choice .109 Alvin's Mom .104 LA Patica .114 Rosemary Dee .101 Cross Bayou .109

### AL'S SELECTIONS

- 1-Wingy, Eternal Dream, Holly Ridge.
- 2-Plaidloch, Poochanelli, Bulise.
- 3-Elated, Sagittaire, Chatter Maid.
- 4-Fast Freight, Monsalon, Bourbon.
- 5-Three Rings, Sunday Beau, Activity.
- 6-Rosener Dee, Queen's Chant, Duchess Argyle.
- 7-Santa's Vixen, Mr. Dumjohn, Rockwood Argo.
- 8-Brown Ruln, Chic Red, Bigwig.

### UP SELECTIONS

- 1-Eternal Dream, Wingy, Fugitive.
- 2-Poochanelli, Offenbach, Plaidloch.
- 3-Nickel, Elated, Sagittaire.
- 4-Bourbon, Mon Falcon, Fast Freight.
- 5-Approval, Dust Screen, Beausy.
- 6-Duchess Argyle, Queens Chance.
- 7-Elean, Rockwood Argo, Stefan.
- 9-Pharady, Chic Red, I Conquer.

Quetez .109 Federal Union .109 Speedy Show .114 Agarita .114 War Wise .109 Aethelte .109 Tica Tica .104 Quiet Shot .109

SEVENTH—1 3/16 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$3500. Stefan .116 Darby Darius .111 Rockwood Argo .114 Admiral's Call .114 Yale .116 Hel-Pin .122 Mr. Dumjohn .111 Foursome .111 Northern Trust .116 Last Stride .108 Elean .111 Santa's Vixen .109 Happy Haste .116 Journal .116 Madracen .114 Doug Crate .116

EIGHTH—1 3/16 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$3500. Eastonian .116 Pharaday .124 Reno Upstart .114 Glaemel .106 Chic Red .111 Big Wig .106 Hard Facts .119 Jolly Soul .116 Swing High .108 Brown Ruln .111 Pat's Anne .109 I Conquer .116 Uncle Byron .119 Lord Jim .116 St. Lo .119 That's Him .116 a-Apprentice allowance, claimed.



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## Earthquakes Rock Philippines; 14 Die

MANILA, Jan. 25 (UP).—Earthquakes described as the worst in Philippine history shook down homes, churches and walls, opened great fissures in the ground and killed at least 14 persons in the central Philippines. Unconfirmed reports to the Philippines constabulary said at least 21 were killed in Iloilo province, apparently the hardest hit. It was reported officially that 12 were killed when the 100-foot tower of Jaro cathedral collapsed. Jaro is a suburb of Iloilo city.

A policeman was known to have been killed when the municipal building collapsed at Astyrias, on Negros Occidental Island. A woman was crushed to death by a falling wall at Alimodian, in Iloilo province.

At least 15 were seriously hurt. Three or four times that many were known to have been slightly injured, but they refused to be taken to hospitals. Today, many residents of Iloilo city were reported to have fled to open areas as the shocks continued.

At least 17 shocks were reported.

Although Panay Island apparently was the epicenter of the earthquake, the shocks shook the whole central Philippines and were felt from southern Luzon to Zamboanga.

The crack opened up the earth were reported to have ruined many rail lines.

Churches were especially hard hit. Besides Jaro Cathedral, Arevalo church in Iloilo collapsed. The walls, altar roof and belfry of Molo cathedral were ruined.

The famous quadrangle church in Oton, one of the oldest and most beautiful in the Philippines, was wrecked. Churches in Alimodian and Pava were heavily damaged. Stones from the main Catholic Church in Capiz, the home town of President Manuel Roxas, were reported to have crashed into the street while an early mass was being said.

## City Plans Air Exposition

Grover Whalen announced detailed plans yesterday for an international air exposition, to be held in connection with the golden anniversary of Greater New York.

Whalen said start of the exposition would coincide with dedication of the \$200,000,000 Idlewild International airport, which will take over the bulk of air traffic from LaGuardia Field and Newark Airport.

## Zion Casualties Reach 3,200

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25.—Total casualties in the eight-week Arab-Jewish fighting reached 3,200 tonight, as the biggest battle so far to keep open the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway to Jewish traffic raged in the Seven Sisters hills.

An estimated 10 Jews were killed and two wounded, and about 30 Arabs were casualties in the pitched noon-to-dusk battle eight miles west of Jerusalem today.



At the Ball: Smiling as they dance at the Navy Relief Society Ball in Washington are Margaret Truman and Robert Taylor, movie star, Un-American Committee stooge and lieutenant in the naval reserve. The one on the left is Taylor.

## 2400 B'klyn Homes Face Gas Shutdown

Twenty-four hundred Brooklyn homes faced a shutdown of heating gas service by the Brooklyn Borough Gas Co. yesterday. The company, which had stopped heating gas service to 908 homes by 6 p. m., said

"unprecedented gas consumption" during the record cold weather and snow storm brought about curtailment of the fuel. Throughout the night workmen for the company continued to close gas valves in home after home.

Among the homes hit by the heatless interlude, as the thermometer dipped toward 10 degrees, included those of 1,200 veterans housing projects.

Starting at 8 a. m. Sunday workmen for the company began cutting off gas block by block for everything but refrigeration and cooking service for an "indefinite period."

A spokesman for the company said he had no idea when gas service would be resumed for Coney Island-Manhattan Beach area. He said "excessive consumption caused by recent low temperatures and shortages of other fuel" had pushed gas consumption to 40 percent above normal in the last 24 hours when a blizzard-like storm lashed the city.

Two other gas companies in Brooklyn began supplying emergency gas to the Brooklyn Borough Co. Saturday, the spokesman added, but the total supply was not enough to meet the demand.

## Say Bevin Seeks 'Colonial Trust'

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Radio Moscow charged today that British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, followed the Wall Street line with his plan for a united western Europe and said it was doomed to failure because "it contradicts the vital interests of European peoples."

The broadcast, quoting an article in the Soviet newspaper Pravda, said, "It is the forces of Wall Street that dictated to the British Labor Minister the program he expounded of splitting Europe."

It interpreted Bevin's address to Commons on Thursday as an attempt to form a "western bloc... as a sort of trust of colonial powers embracing colonial peoples in its tentacles and sucking the juices out of them."

By BARNARD RUBIN

THE GREEK (Marshall Plan-monarchist) Government is making itself look ridiculous to the Greek public with its denials of disaffection in the Greek Air Force. Its statement, unpublicized in this country, read: "The Government indignantly denies the deliberately wicked and unpatriotic information stating that allegedly active officers went over to the Partisans a few days ago." Then the statement goes on to admit that the Air Force personnel in question had left—but before the few days mentioned.

Then denying that the Government was worried about other Air Force people joining the Partisans or thinking about it, the statement winds up with this: "As far as remaining active Air Force officers are concerned, the Government informs the public that it is not interested in or checking on political beliefs of officers serving in the Armed Forces, but is merely and vigilantly following the military activity and patriotic and national feelings of each one of them." (Our emphasis—B.R.)



### TOWN TALK

Danny Kaye's new producers want Hedy Lamarr to play opposite him in his next film, Happy Times. . . .

Competition to Tennessee Williams' play, A Streetcar Named Desire, is being offered by Ed Hostetters. He claims his two new plays are titled A Bus Named Frustration and A Concrete Mixer Whose Middle Name Was Where Am I. . . .

Sam Goldwyn, Jr., producing a play in London titled Move Over the Downs by Gordon Glennon and Raymond Barton. Play will open there February 17 and if successful will probably come to Broadway after the London run, British cast and all. . . .

Carmen Miranda wanted by Lee Shubert for a new Broadway show. . . .

Paul Henreid, now an Eagle-Lion producer as well as star. . . . Vivian Romance, who clicked here in the French film Carmen, now working on a film in Mexico City. . . .

New York City's radio station WNYC will soon start choosing its announcers via Civil Service exams. . . .

Margaret Truman dickered with an automobile firm for sponsorship of a radio program in which she'll star. (This whole business of Margaret Truman—whether this program becomes an actuality or not—is one of the most disgusting incidents in show business in some time. Here's a girl, who every honest critic agrees is still way at the bottom of the talent and artistic achievement ladder, getting top-notch offers while the entertainment industry's unemployment figures shoot sky high. All on the basis of her father's unearned position as the nation's President—and with his approval). . . .

### THE IVORY TOWER

This true story concerns the noted detective-fiction writer of a well known detective story radio program.

The import of the atom bomb weighed on his mind so heavily that he became almost fanatical in his fear of being in a large city. He kept on agitating himself with the fact that he had a wife, some children and his own life to consider.

So he finally sold his beautiful home, bought a large ranch and home in a middle western state, had his furniture, books, etc., shipped there and decided to give up the work he could not do from a distance.

To shorten an obvious tale, after he was all settled, he found he had moved only a short distance away from one of the largest atom bomb projects in the country. . . .

One of the latest risers in the playwrighting business is Ferenc Molnar, author of Liliom, which was last seen on Broadway in the Rodgers-Hammerstein musical version, Carousel. Molnar rarely stirs before three in the afternoon.

He was summoned one day as a witness in a court action and when he saw that the case was called for nine in the morning he almost collapsed.

Two servants finally got him out of bed and dressed on the day in question. As he left the house at 8:30 crowds of people were passing on their way. "Good heavens," blinked Molnar in astonishment, "are all these people witnesses in that fool case?" . . .

Before the late John D. Rockefeller's press relations men really went to work there used to be a host of stories based on the exploiter's penny pinching habits.

One of them still making the rounds in Florida, where he spent his last winters, is the one about John D. and the dentist.

Rockefeller went to this dentist's office one day to have a tooth pulled.

"How much?" he asked in advance.

"Three dollars," said the dentist, who didn't know who his client was.

"Hmph! Three dollars to pull a tooth!" grumbled John D. "Here's a dollar. Loosen it a little bit!" . . .

### Lamarre Sentence Is Postponed

WASHINGTON.—Bleriot H. Lamarre, dummy president of the tence on three charges of perjury, war contracts firm founded by Maj. pending the outcome of Meyers' Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, was given which opens here Feb. 16.

## 'I Smuggled Jews Into Palestine'

An exclusive series begins Sunday in The Worker and continues in the Daily Worker